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SIR R. BROOK-POPHAM'S TASK IN THE FAR EAST

KORITZA TONIC IN CAIRO

The victory of the Greek army has had a tonic effect on the whole population of Cairo, while the Greek population both in Cairo and in Alexandria are filled with joy.

Inns and restaurants yesterday were full of Greek subjects rubbing shoulders with British soldiers and sailors in toasting "Our gallant comrades in the Greek army."

For the next three days there will be general celebrations. All Greek flags will be flown mast high and thanksgiving services will be held for the fall of Koritza. — Reuter.

SUNER RETURNS TO MADRID

Senor Serrano Suner, Spanish Foreign Minister, arrived back in Madrid from Germany yesterday, says a Reuter despatch.

Wide Powers In Diplomatic As Well As Military Field

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

JAPANESE SENT TO PRISON FOR THREE YEARS

Shinozaki, the Japanese charged under the Defence Regulations, was found guilty in Singapore after a five-day trial yesterday and sentenced to three years imprisonment and fined £125. — Reuter.

THAILAND AND THE Netherlands East Indies are obviously two countries with British naval and air attaches with whom Sir Robert Brook-Popham, Britain's first Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, will maintain close touch.

The provision in his appointment for consultation with attaches in foreign countries "in or concerned with the Far East" can less obviously include visiting British attaches from the United States.

America, with a parallel Pacific defence scheme, is a close observer of the development of British defence strategy in the Far East.

The range of Sir Robert's contact is as wide as one would expect, and I understand he will be enabled to take decisions affecting R.A.F. and Army dispositions in case of necessity without previous reference to Whitehall.

It is with the realisation of the spreading influence of R.A.F. defensive and offensive actions that the appointment of a high officer of the Air Force to this newly-created position assumes considerable significance.

The great range and power of the modern bomber has stood out in sharp relief against the background of other more ponderous weapons in the Second World War. — Reuter.

RAIDERS VENTURE LITTLE

NO DAYLIGHT AIR ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED IN THE LONDON DISTRICT UP TO LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, BUT TWO GERMAN AIRCRAFT ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT DOWN IN THE HOME COUNTIES.

One of them, a Dornier bomber, was surprised above the clouds and shot down over Surrey by Hurricane fighters. — Reuter.

RUBBING IT IN

Coinciding with the visit of General Antonescu, Rumanian Premier, to Hitler the Rumanian press yesterday devoted much space to German-Rumanian friendship.

An official communique declared: "We have always loved the Germans and Rumania will fight only for Germany, even if this should mean the collapse of Rumania."

Dr. Todt, German expert on road construction, is expected in Bucharest shortly and it is reported that the Rumanian Government will pass contracts to several German companies for the construction of motor roads linking the centre of Rumania with the main Danube and Black Sea ports.

It is stated that the first roads to be built will be from Bucharest to Galatz and Bucharest to Constanza. — Reuter.

Spirit Of Cordial Understanding

FOLLOWING THE MEETING BETWEEN HITLER AND THE RUMANIAN PREMIER, GENERAL ANTONESCU, IN THE PRESENCE OF VON RIBBENTROP, THE NAZI FOREIGN MINISTER, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN BERLIN CONFINED ITSELF TO STATING THAT "THE LONG TALK WAS CONDUCTED IN THE SPIRIT OF CORDIAL UNDERSTANDING EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO STATES." — REUTER.

NEW TREASURY ORDER FOR CONTROL OF CURRENCY

THE TREASURY, when granting permission to make any payment to a non-resident of Britain, is to make that permission conditional upon the payment to be made to a blocked account with a banker authorised to hold such accounts.

Purpose of this regulation, announced in London yesterday, is to prevent trading in foreign currency of certain capital payments to non-residents.

Sums so paid to blocked accounts may be invested in securities specified in a list to be published by the Treasury, and interest on such securities will be dealt with in the same manner as other securities held by non-residents.

Another new regulation calls on companies set up outside the sterling area but under the effective control of persons inside the United Kingdom to notify the Bank of England any gold, specified foreign currencies or American and other specified securities they may possess, with a view to their being offered to the Treasury for sale.

Technical Evasion

Object of this regulation is to secure for the State resources in gold and foreign exchange which are at the disposal of persons in the United Kingdom but have hitherto escaped the regulations owing to their being technically owned by a non-resident corporation.

Many persons have already acted voluntarily in the sense now prescribed by the new regulation, and it is not considered equitable that others should escape, by means of a technicality, obligations imposed on all residents. — Reuter.

ITALIAN RETREAT

Many fires and explosions were observed from Corfu on Thursday night and yesterday on the Greek mainland opposite.

Lights were also observed during the night moving northwards towards the Albanian port of Santi Quaranta, where numbers of Italian troops and supplies were originally disembarked for the war against Greece.

It is believed the retreating Italian troops were destroying ammunition dumps and roads. — Reuter.

R.A.F. AWARDS

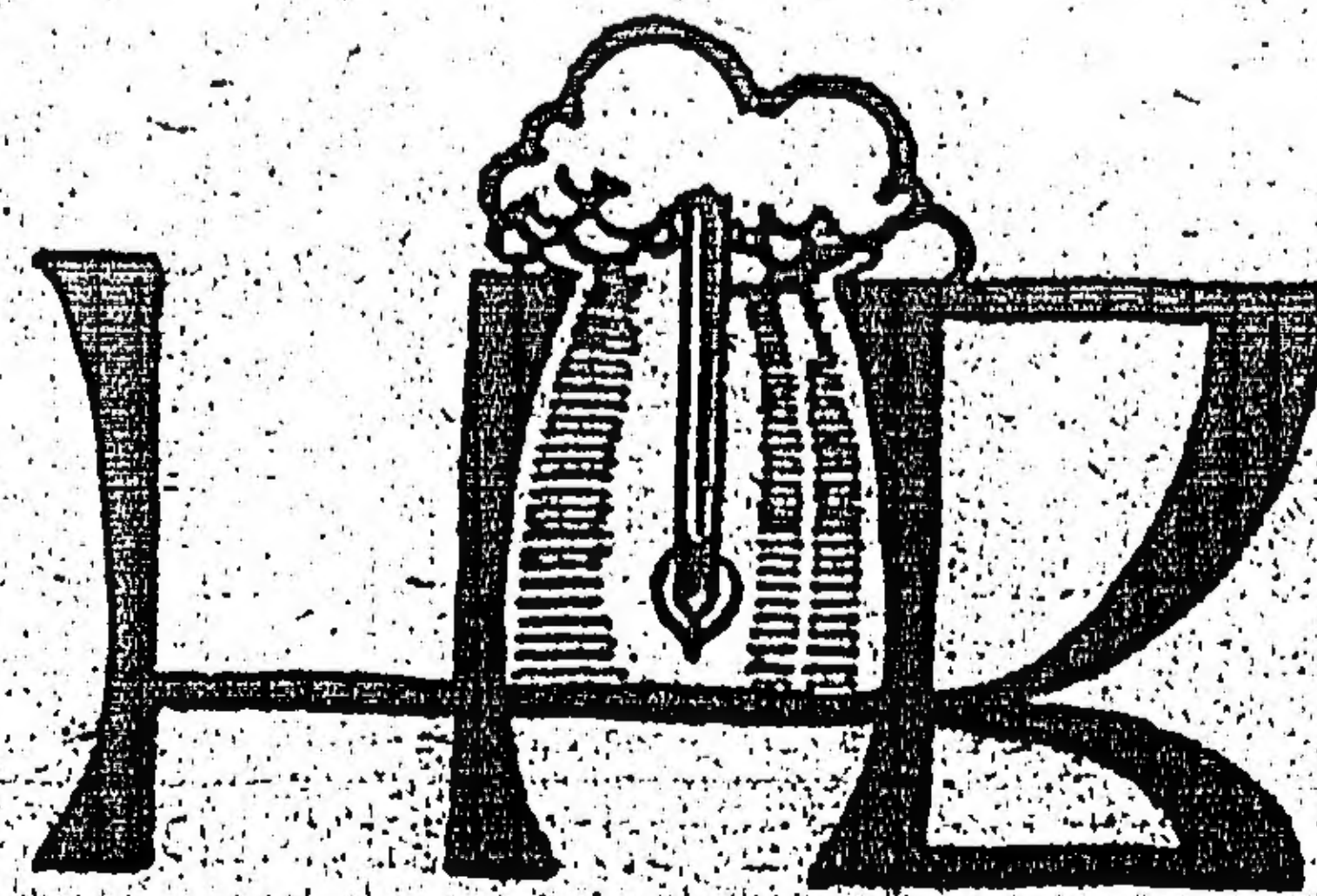
FURTHER R.A.F. AWARDS WERE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY TO THREE NEW ZEALANDERS, TWO AUSTRALIANS, TWO CANADIANS AND ONE SOUTH AFRICAN. All receive the Distinguished Flying Cross. — Reuter.

COUNT GRANDI TO VISIT HITLER

Count Dino Grandi, Italian Minister of Justice and former Ambassador to Britain, is in Germany and is to see Hitler in Berlin. It was revealed in the Nazi capital yesterday.

Yesterday at Munich Count Grandi was made an honorary member of the German Academy of Law. — Reuter.

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TURKEY TAKING PRECAUTIONS

Balkan Situation Viewed Seriously In Ankara State Of Siege In Bosphorus And Dardanelles

U.S. AID TO BRITAIN AT ITS PEAK

President Roosevelt indicated at his press conference yesterday that under present conditions United States aid to Britain was near its peak.

Everything possible, he said, was being done at the present time.—Reuter.

GERMANS DESTROY NEGRO MONUMENT

France's monument of gratitude to her Negro soldiers for services in the World War has been blasted on German orders, authorised sources disclosed.

The "Monument Aux Noirs" on Avenue de Chalons at Reims, was regarded by the Germans as an insult to the white race, it was said. The monument was a bronze group of Negro soldiers gathered about the French Tricolour.

The inscription read: "Aux Heros de L'Armee Noire" — to the Heroes of the Black Army.

In the cornerstone was a document dated Oct. 29, 1922, in which public thanks was given the black soldiers for helping "liberal, motherly France" in her struggle, and among the signers was Andre Maginot, builder of the Maginot Line.

The Reims City Administration undertook the job of blowing up the monument, said German sources, "not entirely on its own initiative. It needed persuasion by the German military commander."

"The fact that the nation did not hesitate to perpetuate the memory of this disgrace, to European culture by a monument shows more than anything else how deep it sank," said an authorised source.

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(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

FRESH EVIDENCE THAT A SERIOUS VIEW OF THE BALKAN SITUATION IS TAKEN IN TURKEY IS SUPPLIED BY NEWS FROM ANKARA THAT TURKEY IS PLANNING TO ESTABLISH A STATE OF SIEGE IN ZONES OF THE DARDANELLES AND BOSPHORUS.

This is an indication that the Turks are determined not to allow themselves to be caught napping.

Half the German success in the early days of the war was due to the fact that her small neighbours did not dare to take precautions or any measures of defence for fear Germany would interpret them as provocative.

There was no mobilisation, and no consultation either with each other or with France and Britain, as this would have roused the whole propaganda machine of Germany into accusations of aggressiveness, though German preparations and German Fifth Column penetration were at the same time being pushed forward energetically and without scruple.

Turkey has shown her complete independence by taking what steps she has judged desirable and necessary with complete disregard of German action.

Strong Deterrent

It is not only the wisest course but one best calculated to impress the Axis.

The astounding success which has attended the Greeks against Italy's "conscripts" will help to make these Turkish measures strongly deterrent of any precipitate action by Germany in the Balkans.—Reuter.

NEW HEAD OF C.I.O.

Mr. Philip Murray was yesterday elected by acclamation President of the Congress of Industrial Organisation at Atlantic City in succession to Mr. John Lewis.

Lewis supported Mr. Wendell Willkie in the recent presidential election, and stated at the time he would "step down" if President Roosevelt was re-elected.—Reuter.

U.S. SUPPLIES FOR MARTINIQUE

An American food and supply ship for the French island of Martinique is sailing to-day.

Making this announcement yesterday the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, said it was in agreement with officials on the island.—Reuter.

R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST RAIDS

During an R.A.F. attack on Benina aerodrome the control building was hit and a number of Italian aircraft on the ground are believed to have been severely damaged, stated a G.H.Q. communique in Cairo yesterday.

At Benghazi the customs shed was hit and a bomb fell near three ships previously damaged, but the extent of the damage could not be fully observed.

Reconnaissance resulted in the obtaining of valuable data.

Low cloud prevented observation of damage caused by raids on Gura and Massawa on Nov. 20/21 or on hangars at Asmara.

Italian bombers dropped bombs during a raid on Port Sudan but there was no damage.—Reuter.

NAZIS' WARNING LEAFLETS

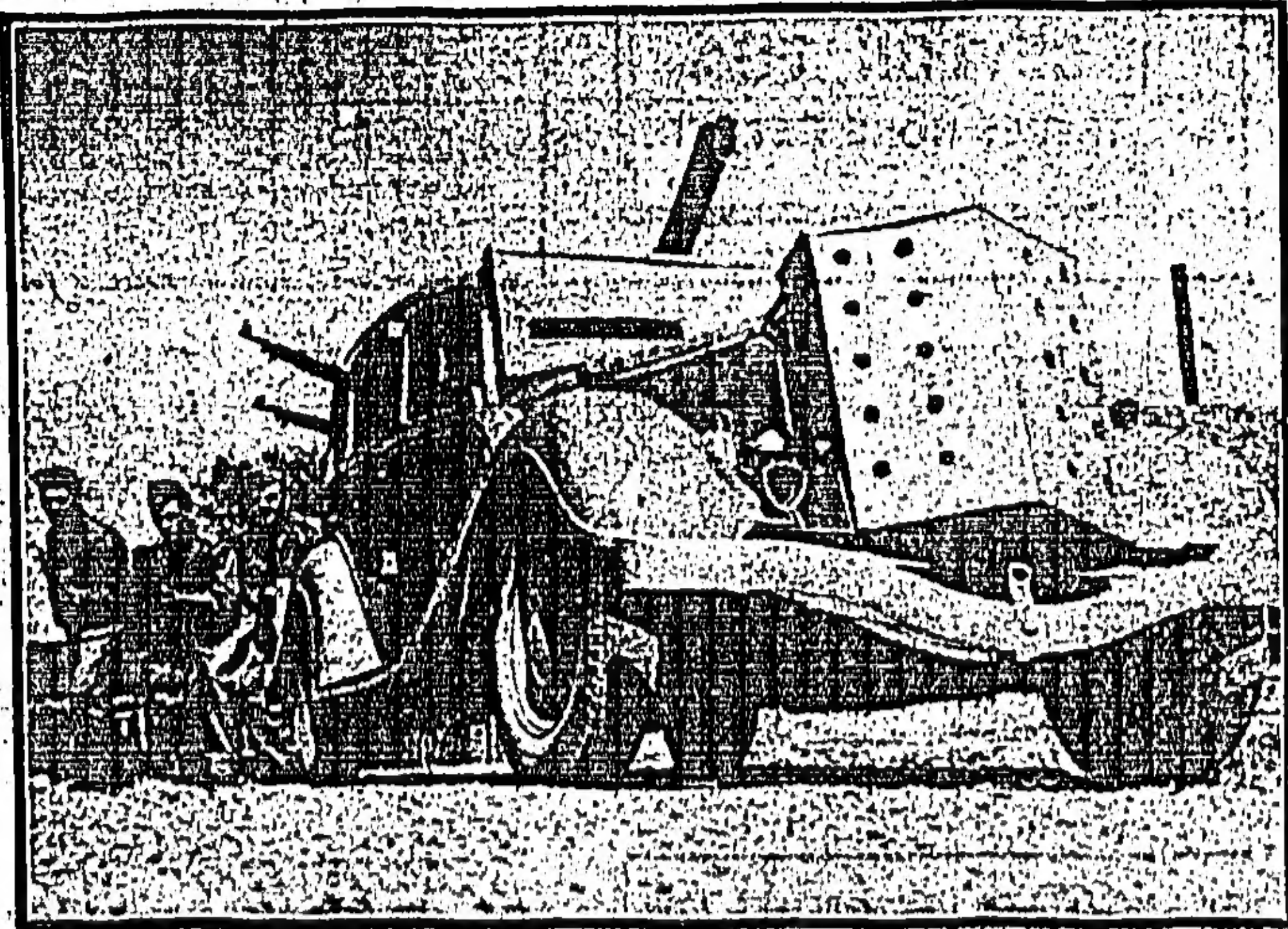
LEAFLETS CIRCULATED IN COSTA RICA ALLEGE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ATTEMPTING TO "FRIGHTEN LATIN AMERICA" WITH THE "NAZI BOGEYMAN."

The circulars, origin of which was not disclosed, asserted that the United States had Latin America "enslaved" and was attempting to "entrench imperialism" in the guise of hemisphere defence.

They concluded: "Take care and be alert! Afterward, it may be too late; Germany warned the European nations but they rejected the warning. Something of the same nature is happening in America."

SUCCESSFUL SUDAN PATROLS

Patrol activities in the Gallabat area of the Sudan are being successfully continued, says a G.H.Q. communique in Cairo yesterday. There is no change on other fronts.—Reuter.



The factories of England are prepared for all emergencies. A famous preserving factory in Berkshire has its own Home Guard, look-outs posted on the roofs, and armoured car. Photo shows members of the Home Guard and their armoured car. (Copyright, Fox).

BATTLE AGAINST WATER HYACINTH

The water hyacinth is a beautiful flower. Its delicate lavender adds restful colour to the waterways of Louisiana. But the water hyacinth has choked off transportation on hundreds of miles of these commercial lanes. So the water hyacinth must go.

The flower was brought to Louisiana, as a curiosity during the Cotton Centennial celebration of 1884-85. It multiplied with astonishing speed in this subtropical climate, until it had packed streams so solidly that the huge masses have actually been known to bear the weight of an automobile plunging from a bridge.

Since 1898, United States Army engineers have been fighting the nuisance, spending \$1,192,991 in the campaign, the records show. One method, spraying the matted growth with a mixture of arsenic and soda, had to be abandoned because of the danger to cattle, which feed on the lilies.

It is impossible to destroy it, because the lilies grow in the marshes and are floated by high water into the principal streams; but Army engineers find that they can keep the channels open by a shredder, which moves through the canals and bayous, drawing the lilies through heavy crushing machinery, and by a fleet of dredges which scoop them out and in many streams, movable booms are thrown to keep out the lilies.

Some idea of the importance of Louisiana's waterways may be gained from the fact that last year, 5,126,997 tons of freight moved over the intracoastal waterway between New Orleans and the Sabine River. Army engineers recently cleared important links in the intracoastal system, and are now working in the small streams leading into Lake Pontchartrain.

The hyacinth fight goes on 12 months a year, from Pearl River, the Mississippi boundary, to the Sabine River, the Texas boundary; from the coastline to as far inland as Plaquemine. The Government has appropriated \$180,000 for this year's work.

LORD LOTHIAN ON WAY TO U.S.

Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to Washington, left Lisbon yesterday in the Clipper for New York.

Lord Lothian's departure had been delayed for several days owing to bad weather.—Reuter.

STAVANGER BOMBED

Stavanger aerodrome (Norway) was bombed by aircraft of the Coastal Command yesterday morning, says an Air Ministry communique in London.—Reuter.

BAN ON JAPANESE?

Japan's treaty alignment with the Axis Powers has brought a renewal of demands that further immigration of Japanese to Vancouver Province be prohibited, and that a closer check be made on 30,000 Japanese now resident there.

The fact that many of the Japanese in British Columbia have retained their Japanese citizenship is interpreted as a danger sign by some outspoken advocates of greater action against the Japanese. There is considerable objection to the practice of sending Japanese children to Japanese schools after they have attained classes in the regular public schools. At the Japanese schools they speak only the Japanese language and are given studies that preserve the cultural tie with Japan.

The Vancouver City Council, which has frequently sought Federal action curbing Japanese infiltration in the Province, has now asked the Canadian Government to report immediately any Japanese found to be residing in this country illegally; to deport any Japanese disobeying Canadian laws; to refuse entry to any additional Japanese. Japanese immigration is still governed by the so-called "Gentlemen's Agreement" under which about 150 Japanese are permitted entry every year. This agreement is objected to on the ground that it is discriminatory against other Orientals, who are completely shut out, except in special categories.

At the same time, the Council is considering a proposal to limit the number of store licences to Japanese. The plan would be based on a racial quota, Japanese receiving 10 per cent. of all the licences issued in Vancouver, for instance, on the basis of about one-tenth of the city's population being of Japanese origin.

DIAMOND SHARES RISE SHARPLY

Diamond shares were the chief feature of the day on the London Stock Exchange yesterday under the influence of surprise dividend announcements by De Beers and Consolidated Diamond of West Africa Companies. De Beers preferred advanced from 97½ to 102½. Elsewhere conditions were quiet but gilt-edged and Brazilian issues generally moved to higher levels. Wall Street was narrowly higher.—Reuter.

China Seeking 500 Fighter Planes From United States

LAVAL STILL NEGOTIATING

M. Pierre Laval, French Deputy-Premier and Foreign Minister, arrived on a new visit to Paris yesterday accompanied by M. de Brinon, Vichy envoy to German-occupied France, stated the official German news agency. —Reuter.

HIDE-AND-SEEK IN EGYPT

The coming phase of the operations in the Western Desert is a matter for speculation, but Graziani's plans, whatever they may be, are being effectively hampered by the damage which is being done to his supply depots and transport parks by the relentless bombing and shelling of the R.A.F. and the Navy, added to the harassing fire of our artillery.

Already on the first day of the Italian advance, enemy transport columns suffered heavy losses. As the trucks and lorries lumbered down the zigzag road which descends the escarpment above Sollum, they presented a perfect target for the British artillery. The gunners, had the range of them to a yard, and could see lorry after lorry bowled over by the shells as they faced turns in the road. These lorries, like the petrol dumps destroyed by the R.A.F., will need to be replaced before the advance can be continued. This may well be the reason why the Italians have not so far tried to push farther.

Everything On Wheels

This is very definitely a mechanised war. The importance of any body of troops is no longer estimated by the number of men contained in it but by the number of vehicles it represents.

Everybody and everything is carried on wheels. Nobody marches. This is so much the case that the sight of a squad of men marching to draw their rations in a desert encampment seems as novel and strange as that of an elephant in Piccadilly.

It is also a war of hide-and-seek. It is of the highest importance to baffles observation from the air, and hence the dispersal of troops on the ground is a standing principle, and the art of camouflage is carried to a high pitch. It might be imagined that this would be difficult in the open desert, with little or no vegetation, but advantage is taken of every patch of scrub and camelthorn as protective background, and the shadows cast by vehicles are reduced as much as possible by the use of camouflage netting. In these conditions it is remarkable how a large encampment can escape notice and disappear entirely into the landscape. The extent to which the troops are dispersed gives a new meaning to military expressions such as "transport park," in which no vehicle is nearer than 100 yards to another, or "troops concentration," which may spread loosely over 50 miles.

WOULD GIVE CHINA'S ARMIES THE INITIATIVE

REGARDING THE proposal that China secures 500 aircraft from the United States the Chinese military spokesman in Chungking declared yesterday that the importance of such a possibility cannot be over-estimated.

He emphatically agreed with the suggestion that once China is able to secure 500 aircraft from the United States, the Chinese army in the field would be able immediately to launch a general offensive against the Japanese, since lack of aircraft was the main cause holding back the Chinese offensive.

Military experts estimate the Japanese have a total air strength of 3,000 planes, and are using about 1,200 aircraft in China and 400 in Manchuria, but following the withdrawal recently of large numbers of aircraft from China for the southward expansion move and home defence purposes there are at present only about 600 Japanese aircraft operating in China.

Once China secures 500 fighters from the United States, supported by the fleet of bombers which China already has but is unable to use owing to lack of fighter escorts, China will gain command of the air and therefore the initiative in land operations. —Reuter.

Foreign Losses

During the past 40 months of Sino-Japanese hostilities, 986 Japanese aircraft have been destroyed, including 308 shot down by Chinese planes, 236 destroyed on the ground, 164 brought down by A.A. fire, 136 shot down by ground forces and 97 destroyed by aerial bombings, it was officially claimed in Chungking yesterday.

These figures do not include damaged aeroplanes or machines which crashed behind the Chinese lines.

British property suffered the heaviest losses as a result of Japanese air attacks since the beginning of the war, according to official estimates.

Foreign property losses were:

British	\$1,949,465
American	1,486,889
Italian	744,870
German	150,000
Spanish	30,000
French	17,500
Swedish	3,000

The spokesman of the Chinese air force declared these figures do not include property losses of foreign governments and institutions but cover only personal losses of foreign residents in China.

He pointed out that the bombing of the U.S. gunboat Panay and the burning of British steamers during the Ichang bombing alone would bring foreign property losses to figures much higher than those given. —Reuter.

DEMOCRACY COMES INTO ITS OWN

What was once charged as "a hotbed of Communism" has turned out to be more of a "citadel of Democracy." It's the University of Chicago. A few years ago the school was the subject of a legislative investigation inspired by the claims of a local drug store chain owner that its teachers disseminated "Red" propaganda. The investigation cleared the university.

Now Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, President, announces a series of lectures, entitled "Documents of American Democracy." The project is part of the university's broad programme to contribute to the nation's defence effort, and while much of that programme has to do with training of air pilots and stresses such things as rifle shooting, and "financing a war," this new venture goes right down to the roots of any defence scheme.

And it's not just a student matter. The public is to be invited to the series of 20 lecture-conferences, which were to begin on October 16.

The lecture-conferences will include discussions on:

The Declaration of Independence; The Articles of Confederation; The Northwest Ordinance of 1787; The Constitution; The Federal Bill of Rights; The Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions; President Jefferson's First Inaugural; Marbury vs. Madison, Dartmouth College vs. Woodward, McCulloch vs. Maryland, Cohens vs. Virginia; The Monroe Doctrine; Selections from President Jackson's Messages; The State Constitutions of the Middle Period; Selections from President Lincoln's Messages; The Emancipation Proclamation and Thirteenth Amendment; The Fourteenth Amendment; Imperialism and Democracy; Progressivism—Selections from the Messages of Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson; Liberty, Democracy and the World War; Democracy and Prosperity—the 1920's; Democracy and Depression—the Early 1930's; Democracy and Depression—the Late 1930's.



Dutch soldiers and sailors leaving the London home of Queen Wilhelmina after being decorated at an investiture. (Copy-right, Fox).

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TO BE VAST MUNITIONS SOURCE

MOVES TO TRANSFORM Australia and New Zealand into a vast munitions-making plant, now being pushed vigorously ahead are designed not merely to aid Britain but to provide war materials for home defence.

This emerged most clearly in the statement by Essington Lewis, Australian Director General of Munitions, that Australia could expect little or no help from Britain and must be prepared to help it if necessary. It also was made clear by the visit of Daniel G. Sullivan, New Zealand Minister of Supply, to Australia to discuss sending of partly finished war material to this country from Australian plants. This would make New Zealand an extension of the Australian munitions setup.

But New Zealand has been seeking more than this. It lacks precision tools for the finer jobs of making weapons, shells and equipment. With these four great new plants equipped, a sizable programme can be started on this side of the Tasman Sea.

Both On Export Basis

Already both countries are on an export basis. Australia recently received a total of £8,000,000 in orders for war material. New Zealand is reported to have shipped quantities of small arms ammunition to Britain on the Canadian-Australian mail steamer Niagara which was mined off the coast in June. Liquidation of investments of New Zealanders in Australia is pondered to pay for the weapons this country seeks from its sister dominion.

There are now 150,000 workers in the arms industries of Australia, and the new director-general of production has been given a blank check by the Federal Government to step up production as far as he is able. The cost of the programme at present visualised is at least £50,000,000 but it is expected the scheme will go beyond that.

In both countries, moves have been made to preserve machine tools for war purposes. Installations and alterations of machinery are now governed by decree. Minesweepers, needed by New Zealand, will be built in Australian yards. Industrial plants are being altered and extended.

Some Major Results

Major results achieved have been summarised in some detail. Already the two countries are producing more than 100,000,000

rounds of .303 cartridges yearly. Early completion of two other plants will hoist this output to 1,000,000 rounds a day. Every soldier in each country will be able to get his rifle from the Australian Lithgow works soon. The same plant is already supplying the expeditionary forces of both dominions with heavy Vickers machine-guns.

One rapidly-built Victorian factory, equipped at a cost of £1,000,000, for plant alone is making anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank guns, howitzers, and depth-charge throwers. In place of the old three-inch anti-aircraft gun, it was revealed recently, the plant is now building 3.7-inch weapons. Shells made here now run up to nine-inch projectiles for naval guns. Others include high explosive, anti-tank, anti-aircraft and smoke shells, and they are being made by the million.

New plants grow in all directions. New rolling mills are planned, and the famous "shadow factory" scheme, designed to be built up from war extensions of existing plants is to be moved beyond the boundaries of the three original States. These were New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia.

Second Line Of Defence

These new works are planned as a "second line of defence" of the industrial setup, which presumably means they are intended to carry on the work of arms-building in the event of attack on these shores. Small plants all over the country have been offering help, and while it will not be possible to use them all, because of the complex processes involved, much of the proffered assistance will be used.

Pressure of wartime production is now beginning to bear down on home industries and some form of restriction of raw materials is indicated. A first example of this has been the revelation that a quota for copper for civil purposes is contemplated. Up until now there has been no anxiety about the quantities available.

NORWEGIAN CREW RESCUED

The Norwegian Government has thanked the master, officers, and crew of a Canadian ship for the rescue of the men of a Norwegian ship which was torpedoed and sunk on the way from Britain to Canada. —Reuter.

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LITTLE LESSON IN ARITHMETIC FOR SIGNOR MUSSOLINI

MUSSOLINI'S DECLARATION that it is a matter of indifference whether the Greek war takes one month or one year opens up entirely new prospects for a war of attrition against England, declared the Finnish newspaper "Arbetar Bladet" yesterday.

The paper says that if it is calculated that defeating Greece may take twelve months, how long is the war against England expected to last?

It is already obvious that England has managed to secure and hold the Aegean archipelago.

Whatever the outcome of the Greek war England's position has been greatly improved in the eastern Mediterranean.

METHODISTS SUPPORT BRITAIN

Pledges to continue the fight against the liquor business and to cooperate in national defence and full aid to Great Britain "short of war" highlighted the closing session of the New Jersey Annual Conference of the Methodist Church at Atlantic City. Another adopted resolution offers the advice and counsel of members of the Conference to young conscientious objectors in "any honest and sincere" objection to conscription.

The annual joint report of the four District Superintendents declared that "changing the name to taproom has not changed the evils of the saloon."

"The leaders of the liquor business have never kept their promises and there is only one cure, to put them out of business," the report continued. "The Methodist Church along with others will fight this business until victory comes again."

Educational Programme

The Social Service Commission report characterised the liquor traffic as "an anti-social institution," and declared it was the duty of Methodists to labour by educational methods for such a voting majority as would demand prohibition and make it effective.

The Social Service Commission also urged that the Methodist Church pay more attention to "the great social issues," including migratory farm labour problems, and opposed military training in high schools and colleges as "creating attitudes inimical to the ideas of world justice and world peace."

The Conference, after heated debate adopted a special committee report declaring that "in 1932 we were faced by the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment in America. In 1940 we are faced with the repeal of Christian civilisation clear around the world."

Pledge To Britons

"The people of the British Empire are bravely sustaining the whole moral, spiritual and physical shock of this titanic struggle. We pledge to them our utmost support short of war in meeting this high and tragic responsibility. Such a commitment will make us objectionable to the forces now challenging Christian civilisation. Consequently, we must have a defence programme which will make all tyrannies hesitate."

The report urged the abolition of war and a structure of international law with courts to which international criminals can be brought, and with a police power sufficient to make its order effective.

"If we modern men fail in this responsibility we betray the ages," it added.

Taranto and the sinking of Italian transports must be considered the first fruits of this improvement.

It is against this background that the feverish Axis diplomacy must be viewed.

The Greek war "unfortunately did not turn out as expected." Greece resisted effectively and it is questionable whether Italy alone can effect a conquest.

Questions Of The Hour

German help must pass through Bulgaria or Yugoslavia. What will Turkey do?

Even if it were possible to chase away the Turkish army from the Balkan mountain passes, what are the possibilities of forcing the Dardanelles and Bosphorus?

General Graziani's offensive is petering out in Libya's desert sand. Hundreds of kilometres still remain before reaching Egypt's frontiers. Malta stands on guard between Sicily and Libya and though bombed hundreds of times it is still an active naval base. — Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL OBSERVERS WITH ROYAL NAVY

It was disclosed in Washington yesterday by members of the Navy Department that the United States has naval observers with the British Fleet. Details regarding their number and with which units they are stationed were not revealed. — Reuter.

NEWFOUNDLAND TROOPS HONOURED

THE KING YESTERDAY ASSUMED THE HONORARY COLONELCY OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND HEAVY REGIMENT (ROYAL ARTILLERY), RAISED ONLY LAST SPRING. The first contingent reached Britain in May and other contingents have landed in Britain to receive training. There are already over 7,000 men from Newfoundland serving in the three Services. — Reuter.

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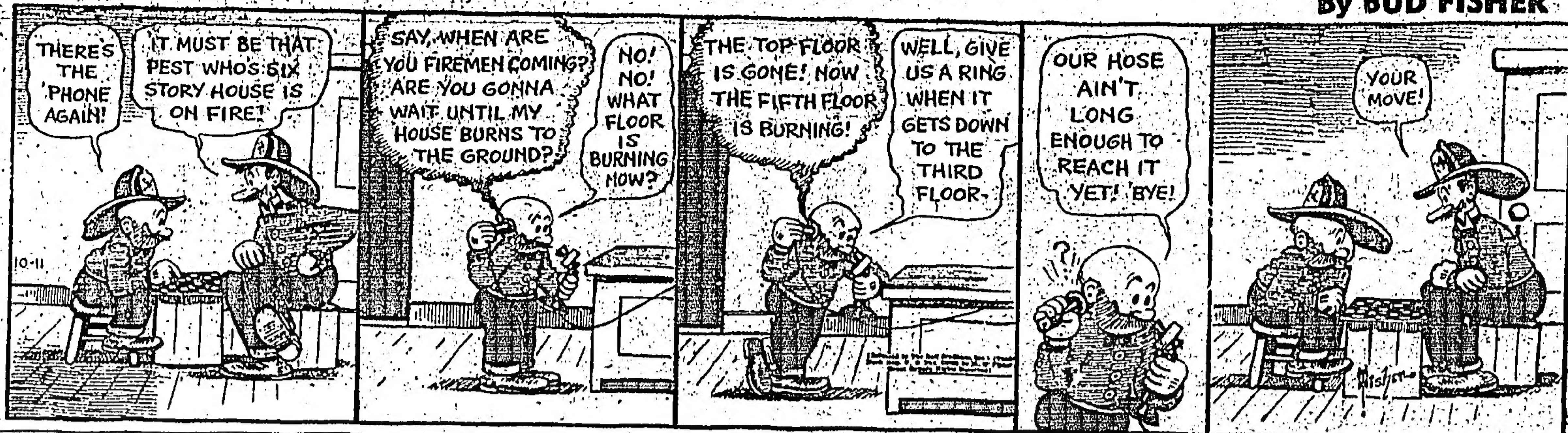
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MOST EATERS OUT

Twenty-five to 35 per cent of the meals in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and San Francisco are eaten in hotels and restaurants, said C. O. Manspeaker in a luncheon address prepared for the California Hotel Association Convention and Western Hotel Congress.

The "eating out" in these cities as determined by a recent survey, Mr. Manspeaker said, is the most extensive in the nation.

Mr. Manspeaker, who is President of the Southern California Restaurant Association, attributed this trend to greater employment of women in business, smaller families, fewer servants, increased earning power, shorter working hours, demand for more leisure, increasing popularity of small homes, scientific advances in catering and automobiles.

He said use of automobiles has increased the eating business of drive-in restaurants, roadside stands and the like as well as hotels, clubs and camps.

Since 1918, Mr. Manspeaker said, restaurant consumption of sandwiches has increased 215 per cent; salads 110 per cent; ice cream 70 per cent; malted milk 63 per cent; whole milk 62 per cent; ginger ale 47 per cent. and so on, with large increases for fruits and vegetables and cereals.

He asserted consumption of meat for main dishes had dropped 45 per cent, since 1918, pastry 26 per cent and white bread 29 per cent.

NETHERLANDS ON GUARD IN THE PACIFIC

SINCE THE NETHERLANDS Indies are at war with Germany events in the Pacific are being keenly watched by the Netherlands Government in exile in London since Japan's agreement to join the Axis Powers in the war should the United States intervene in the struggle.

Reports that the Netherlands are negotiating with Washington to permit the United States to use certain of the Dutch overseas possessions as naval or air bases are denied in London.

The Government, it is said, has heard nothing of such proposal, though it would naturally be prepared to consider it favourably.

Meanwhile the Netherlands Indies' own defences are being strengthened. Additional air squadrons have been organised.

The Indies' naval squadron is being maintained at full strength. Though small, it is powerful, comprising the Netherlands' two newest and largest battle cruisers and a number of modern destroyers and submarines.

The Netherlands Indies considered themselves at war as soon as German troops entered Netherlands territory and Queen Wilhelmina raised the standard of resistance. Action was taken through the Indies' "advisory" Parliament.

When war came the Governor General, Jhr. A. W. van Starckenborch Stackouwer, who represents Queen Wilhelmina in the Indies, temporarily assumed full executive powers, and the Indies found themselves able to carry on national life unhindered by the invasion of their mother country.

On establishment of Queen Wilhelmina's Government in Britain, the Governor General became once more the Queen's representative as before and the Indies' authorities are now in normal consultation with the Government.

Headquarters At Batavia

Almost all the large Indies companies with headquarters in Holland—about 300—transferred their central offices to Batavia immediately their country entered the war, so that they have been able to continue business without a halt for reorganisation.

The Indies, said a Netherlands spokesman, being rich in tin, aluminum, oil, food, and other essential commodities, are giving valued assistance to the British Allied war effort.

While the Netherlands Indies are willing to maintain friendly relations with Japan, if these are reciprocated—Indies-Japanese economic talks were going ahead satisfactorily at the time the Axis pact was announced—the people of the Indies are showing that they are solidly behind their home country in the war for freedom.

Fund Sent To Queen

Recently the sum of \$5,000,000 was sent to Queen Wilhelmina from the Indies as a contribution to the war effort, and the Queen in turn personally presented the money to King George for the purchase of 40 Spitfires and 18 American Lockheed bombers.

Yet the Indies have had to tighten their financial belt. Before the war they were largely self-supporting, but received a considerable amount of short-term money as well as other financial assistance from the homeland, both for Government and industrial purposes.

At present, however, there is no financial help of any kind forthcoming, and the Indies must fend entirely for themselves in this matter, for the moment at least.

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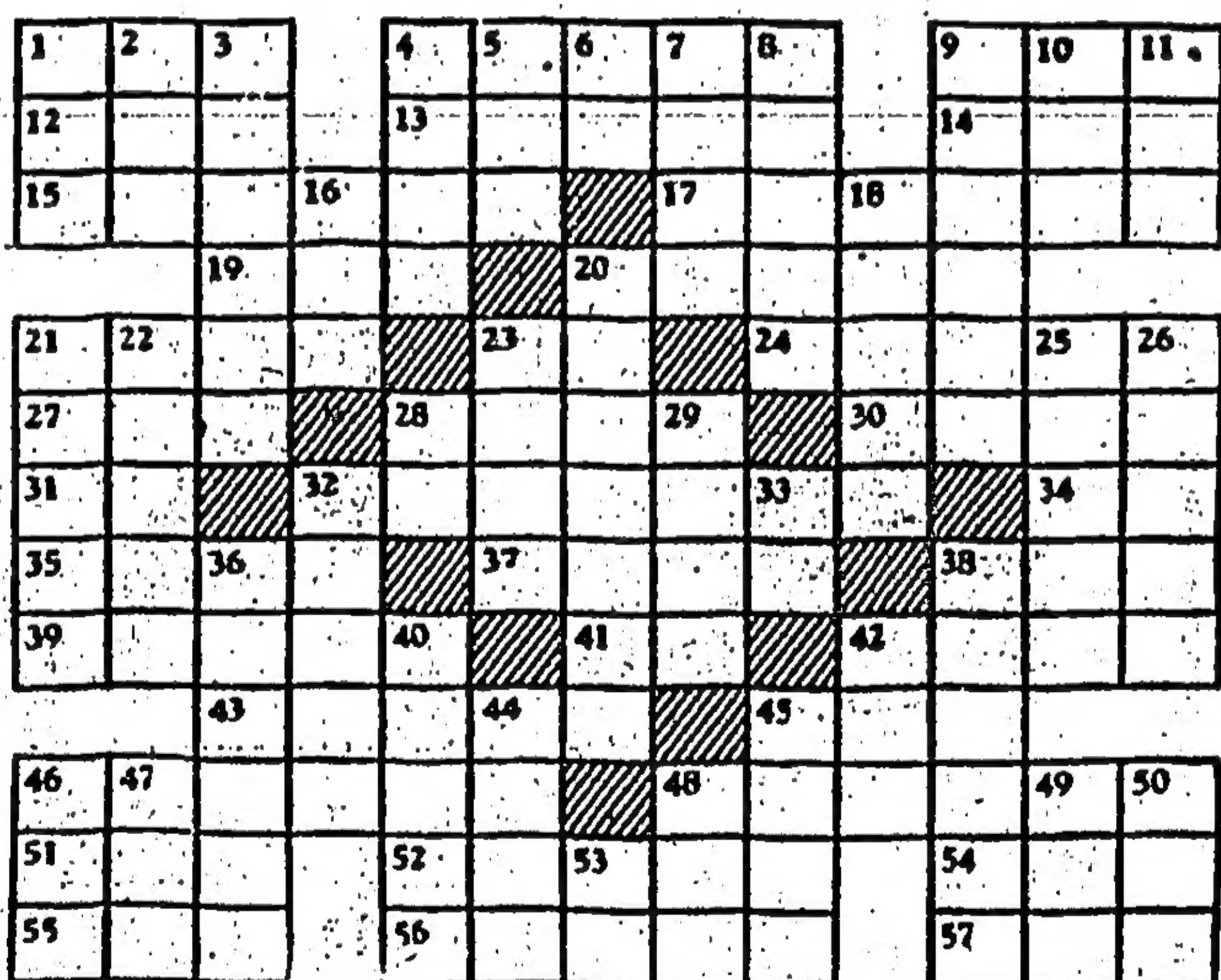
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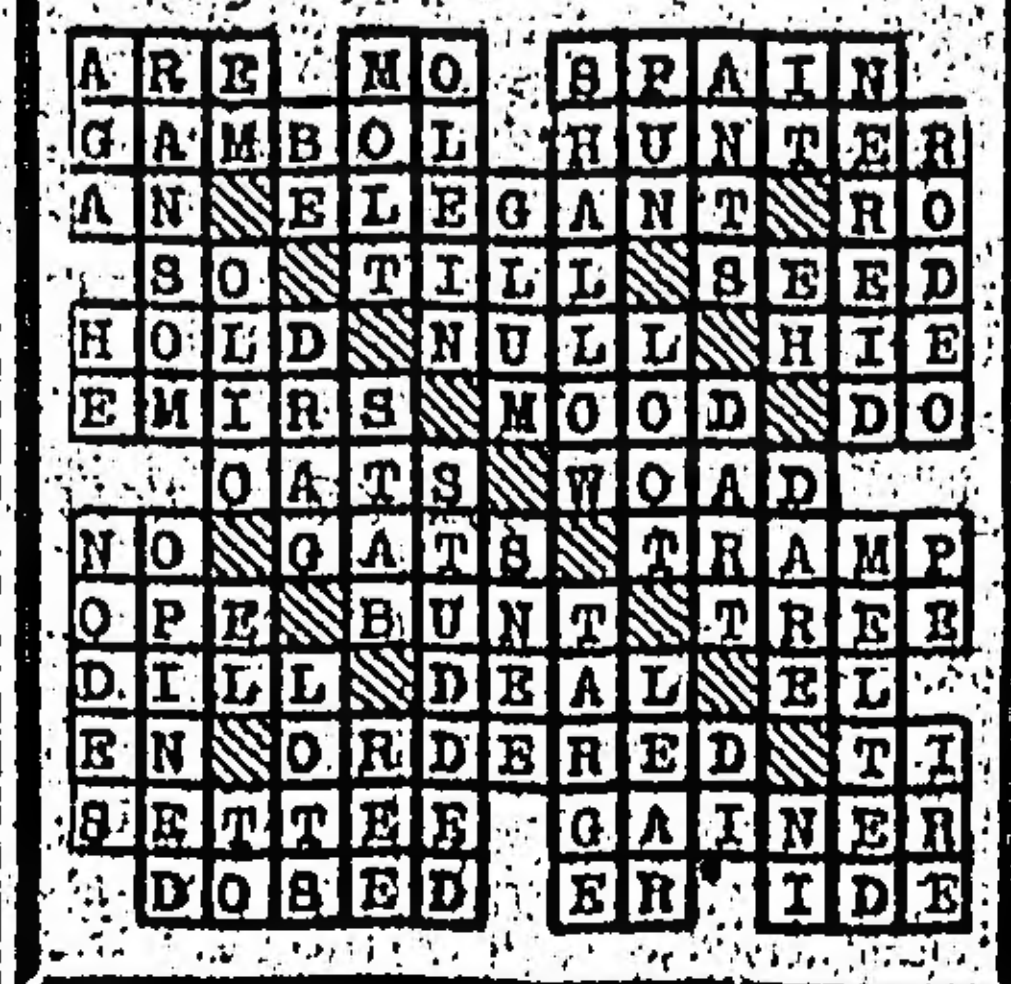
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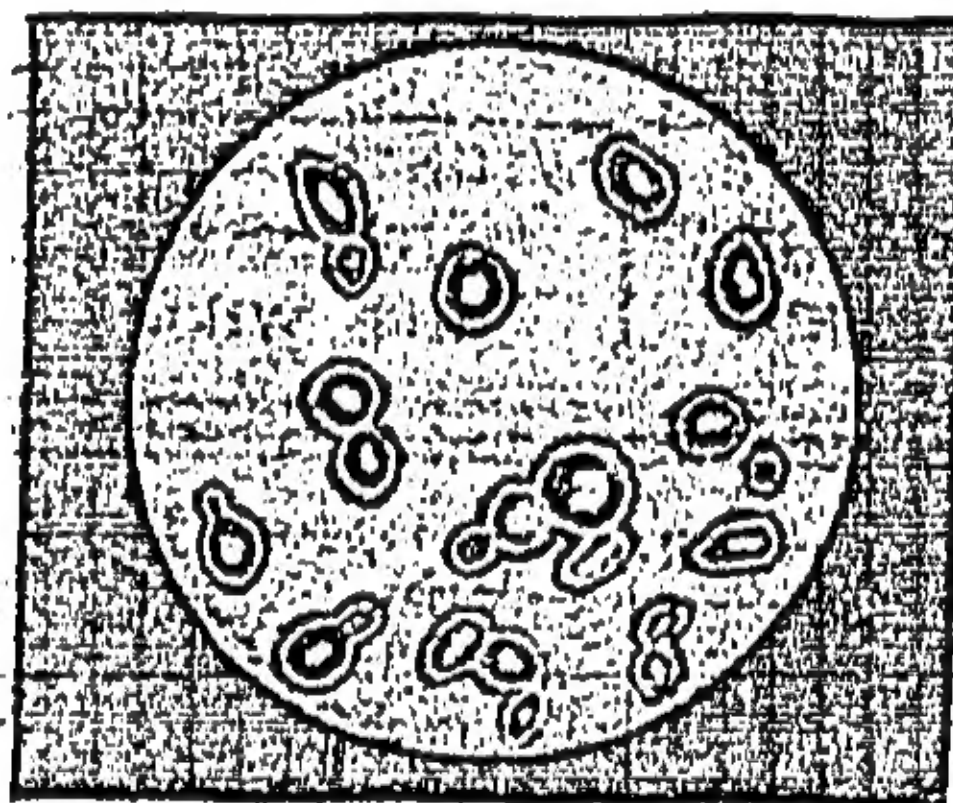
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LONDON'S LIFE-SAVERS' OVERTIME FOR NOTHING

IN THE LAST WEEKS there has been little rest for any of the seven rescue squads operating from the headquarters of a South-West London district which I visited, writes a London reporter.

"They come on duty at eight o'clock in the morning, and are supposed to be relieved at eight o'clock at night — but recently there have been so many demolished buildings to cope with that they have not always been able to relieve each other promptly," the district surveyor in charge told me.

He said that the men were paid a little over £3 a week, and that when they worked overtime they did so without any extra wage.

"And, on their part, without any thought of it," he added. Crawling about wherever a bomb has torn its path of terror and destruction, these indomitable mercy men burrow and dig through mountains of debris to free children and women and men.

They Don't Wisecrack Any More

Most of the rescue brigade have been recruited from the building trade.

They are the type of navy whom before the war you saw springing about the beams and joists of half-erected buildings, eating their lunch-time bread and cheese perched in the most precarious positions, and endlessly wise-cracking with their mates.

They don't wisecrack any more. The things they have seen since the bombardment of London have stopped that.

Nor, when they're out on a job, do they stop to eat—except if a Women's Voluntary Service mobile canteen should come near enough for them to grab a sandwich with one hand.

There are ten men in every squad. Foreman, carpenter, plumber, bricklayer, and six labourers, four of whom have been trained to give first-aid.

Working By Hooded Torches

"Sometimes," said the district surveyor, "it is rather a long time before the debris can be cleared enough to let the ambulance men and stretcher parties through to where people have been trapped."

"That is why our boys must know how to be able to alleviate suffering right away."

When I called at headquarters there was no one in the downstairs room where the men sit waiting till they are called on duty; there was only a pile of their impediments—picks and shovels and drills and the hooded torches which, when the bombers are overhead, are the only light they have to work by.

All of the squads were out; some still working on the ruins caused in the night, others at home on their 24 hours off duty.

In the place of honour over the mantelpiece was hung a silver-plated shield, won for efficiency

in the days of training and practice before the aerial war began.

"They think highly of that. No matter what time they come off duty, one or other of them comes up to give it its daily polish," I was told.

Up against the walls of the little office were propped such relics as the fin end of a 500lb. bomb, dug out of the ruins of a house; a jagged piece of metal, eight inches long which had "come hurtling from a wrecked upper floor and missed one of our foremen by an inch."

Some Of Them Are Old Men

"They are great men, these navvies," said the district surveyor quietly. "They work through raids, with bombs crumping round them and the continual danger of houses collapsing on top of them, without turning a hair."

"And they're not all young men either—the best foreman we've got is a man of 70, who's quicker on the job than any of them."

He told me that the men were standing the terrific mental and physical strain of their work with grand staunchness.

"Of course, it's no good pretending that some of them don't suffer from shock—they'd have to be robots not to, seeing the things they do. And when that happens we try to get them an extra hour or two's rest, but that's not always easy to arrange these days and nights of Blitzkrieg."

Why They Were Cheerful

I went with him to a row of houses two blocks away, where a squad was working on the havoc caused by two bombs which had fallen, one on each side of the road.

The men were shoring up gaping walls, knocking ragged ends of glass from windows, digging a path through the mountainous pile of bricks and rubble strewn over the road.

Two men, their faces white with dust, looked out of a hole in a wall and shouted a cheerful greeting.

"They're light-hearted about this particular job—by a miracle there were no casualties, for the people living in the houses most badly hit had got out of London only a day or two ago," said the district surveyor.

KEEPING CONVOYS IN STEP

Time was when keeping a ship in position in a convoy called for clever control of speed. But matters are different now. A new automatic electrical device has simplified this part of navigation. It also gives the commanding officer more time for other essential duties.

The difficulty arose out of the fact that "Full speed ahead" is rarely the same rate on any two ships. Consequently when this signal was given in the engine room of a ship "A", this vessel might forge ahead at 10 knots. In ship "B" the same signal from the bridge might result in a rate of, say, 12 knots. The only way to adjust matters used to be for the officer of this ship "B" to send instructions below by telephone or other means to reduce speed slightly. The propeller was then slowed down a few revolutions a minute. And the process had to be repeated until the right speed was attained.

All kinds of dodges were invented by engineers to obviate this time wasting routine which had to be gone through whenever there was a change of speed. One rather Heath Robinson but often used method was to rig up a wire and pulley system. This meant suspending in the engine room a piece of wood marked at certain levels to indicate different speeds, connected to a loop on the bridge which could be fixed at various heights according to adjustment required by the officer.

New Device

A new device recently introduced by the General Electric Co., Ltd., of England does the job in an infinitely more effective way. The device consists mainly of two electrically illuminated indicators and a control. One indicator is fitted on the bridge alongside the control, and the other in the engine room. When the control is set to the appropriate position the increase or decrease in the number of revolutions required is immediately shown up on both indicators simultaneously. When the engineer has suitably altered the engine speed he operates a press button which switches off the lights in the indicators signifying to the bridge that the adjustment has been made.

The equipment is constructed on particularly sturdy lines in view of the fact that in such situations as the bridge of a ship and in its engine room it is subjected to more strenuous conditions of service than would be the case of a similar equipment ashore.

Merely a turn of a control keeps a ship properly in "step." And that's just another invention that the electrical industry has devised to help win the war.

SINISTER GERMAN AIRMEN

STRONG COMMENT ABOUT THE MENTAL ATTITUDE OF GERMAN AIRMEN AS COMPARED WITH THE CALM COURAGE OF LONDONERS IS MADE BY THE NEW YORK "TIMES," WHICH SAID:

The contrast is horrible. The words are unmistakably those of a sinister adolescent who has never grown up and never will. Into the hands of hysterical children like him are given weapons to destroy the treasures of ages. This war is a struggle between infantism and maturity, between insanity and cool sanity. Surely a psychiatrist can have no doubt as to the ultimate outcome.

HISTORIC GUNS TO BE MELTED

In addition to the old guns now being taken from Woolwich Common for disposal as scrap, historic guns of various types are to be removed from the Rotunda Military Museum at Woolwich and handed over to the Ministry of Supply.



INDIA'S POLITICS

Announcement by Lord Linlithgow of withdrawal of the offer made to India, which would have permitted increased Indian representation in administration and in direction of the war effort, has the effect of throwing India's political problems back into the melting-pot.

Obviously the British gesture was valueless unless a sufficiently large responsible body of opinion was prepared to accept it at its face value.

Nevertheless, it is difficult to believe that the issue can thus be postponed. Every question in India is now overshadowed by the thought of the settlement which eventually must come—of the shape of the India which it will bring with it. Congress judges everything in the light of its aim to decide the new Constitution at an Assembly elected by adult suffrage, which means, it hopes, a majority for itself. Mr. Gandhi protests that on no account will he embarrass the Government in its war effort but, unless his political demands are conceded, he will continue his modified form of civil disobedience, the only effect of which is to deprive the Congress Party of the sage counsels of men like the Pandit Nehru.

Moslems, says Mr. Jinnah, the president of the Moslem League, would shed the last drop of their blood and give their last penny to help Britain in the war. All the same, the League refused to accept the Viceroy's proposals by which it could assist because it was offered only two seats in the Executive Council and it did not know how this would compare with Hindu (and Congress) representation if the Hindus (and Congress) should come in. For similar reasons it would not join the proposed All-India War Advisory Council. Thus the Moslem League is manoeuvring for power. The Mahasabha, which is non-Congress but Hindu, also made large demands for representation, partly to offset the Moslems and partly to establish itself firmly in the absence of Congress. In short, all the parties now think in terms of a future India in which they will share the power and they are skirmishing with that in view. It is one more reason for trying again to get a settlement quickly. India's needs will not be properly cared for until there is one.

Limiting Factors In Air Warfare

EVERY Englishman is to-day an amateur strategist in air warfare. He is bound to be so. His daily routine depends on the course of the war which he hears—and sometimes sees—going on over his head.

Few amateur commentators, however, take fully into account what is perhaps the most important of all aspects of air warfare. This is the existence of a chain of separate limitations on the volume of a belligerent's air attack.

Consider a day in the life of a bombing aeroplane which is due to make a night attack on enemy territory. It is closely overhauled by mechanics. It is loaded with bombs and its tanks filled with petrol. It is taxied out to the run-way, and its crew climb aboard. It waits its turn to take off while other planes taking part in the operations sail away into the night. For hours it flies through varying weather conditions; it reaches its goal, drops its bombs, and returns. On the aerodrome the ground-crew again take over, and the cycle begins again.

Conditions Of Success

A simple routine, yet it indicates at least seven limiting factors upon the volume of air attack which can be consistently mounted by any belligerent power. They are:

- Total number of aircraft possessed
- Supply of pilots and air crews
- Supply of skilled ground crews and repairers
- Supply of bombs or other ammunition
- Supply of petrol fuel
- Number and size of available aerodromes
- Distance to be covered in reaching vital enemy objectives

Obviously each limiting factor has also a "quality component"—the skill of the personnel, speed and reliability of planes, scientific quality of fuel and armament, location of aerodromes, weather normally encountered en route. These, however, are components

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which it may be assumed that the enemy cannot directly assail. In the short run, they are determined and unchangeable. They cannot be turned into bottlenecks choking the whole effort of air attack.

Each of the quantitative factors may become a bottleneck. It will avail an air force nothing if it has an immense number of aircraft, all the petrol and bombs it wants, plenty of good advanced aerodromes, yet is short of trained pilots. The pilots will be impatient if they are not matched by adequate ground crews.

Problem Of Aerodromes

One bottleneck which may be critically important is little realised by the public. This is the aerodrome factor. It comes to everyone's notice in extreme cases, such as the Norway campaign, when the Allied forces were overwhelmingly handicapped by having no aerodromes whatever; but it is constantly operating to limit action in the air.

A modern heavy bomber needs a long take-off into the wind. One run-way of a great aerodrome alone may be used. The total num-

ber of minutes during which aeroplanes can take off from that aerodrome on a particular operation is restricted by the distance that they must cover during darkness, or by other circumstances. Divide that number by the necessary time-interval between each take-off, and you have the number of aeroplanes that can take part in the action from that aerodrome. It may be 40 or 50—a large number, but a limiting factor when operations are conceived in terms of several hundreds.

This is only an illustration. The essence of the matter is that an enemy air force may be crippled by narrowing any one of the bottlenecks, however wide may be the others. Here is one of the prime elements in present-day air warfare. The attacks on German petrol supplies by the British Air Force are an outstanding example of these tactics. By this means, or by its heavy losses of pilots in the mass air battles over England, the German air force may be crippled despite its flying start in numbers of planes and its geographical advantage since the invasion of the Low Countries and France.

Round The Craters

The German war against civilians has brought out the astounding adaptability of mankind. Seemingly trivial but actually typical is the lack of idle curiosity-seekers gaping at a place of air-raid damage in London. Where are the throngs who in peace-time would gather to stare at two navvies picking a hole in the road, let alone a sight so exciting as a collapsed house or a burst gas-main? They are not staring at the damage but are busy making their way round it, getting quickly to their work, shopping or their

other business because they know that working days are shortened by air raids and nights disturbed by din and danger.

That is a typical example of the economical use of time which is one of the lessons of adaptation that British people in bombed towns have been rapidly learning. To reflect upon it is to realise how much spare fat there was upon our peace-time habits in England, fat that we can live upon until we reach the essential leanness of soldierly life and behaviour. Before the onslaught of September, most people in Great Britain had already given up their leisure, properly so-called, to war duties

in and out of "working hours". But the coming of heavy air-raids proved that we could still find chinks and corners, of time that could be more economically filled.

We Are All Learning

Here are some of the ways in which ordinary British people, especially in London, are learning to adjust their lives to the extraordinary conditions under which they now live:

Sleeping at odd times and in strange places, getting off to sleep in a few minutes after some disturbance.

Making their way by alternative routes when public transport is disjoined by temporary damage to roads or railways.

Making good meals with the least cooking, and having emergency means of light and heat handy.

Sleeping through noise.

Going to bed early in order not to be upstairs when the air raid danger is on, and rising early in the morning as soon as the raiders have passed.

Getting through office work quickly, in order to get home before darkness falls.

Cutting down shopping expeditions to the minimum.

Using week-ends for useful war work, such as "digging for victory" instead of golf or walking or cycling or whatever it might be.

Opening their houses—if they have strong basements as so many London houses have—to people from poorer districts whose homes have become uninhabitable, or being those people themselves, and working out new ways of life amid strange surroundings.

Doing without the things that are short, and making the most of the things—good and plenty as they are—that remain available.

Learning the equality of man in practice; for danger is no respecter of persons, and the Caretaker and the Colonel, the Cook and the Colonel's lady, all share the same shelter which is their common dormitory.

Above all, people are learning to help each other. The need for this lesson is not created by positive selfishness; and this again is caused largely by the social barriers and conventions, differences of education and environment, which prevent men and women from knowing their neighbour's needs, or, even if they know the needs, deprive them of any means of helping that is neither patronising nor chilly as charity.

The common danger pours both the needs and the opportunities of meeting them into a common melting-pot, so that the well-to-do woman, who gives her spare bed-clothes to add to the amenities of shelter life in some poorer quarter, may suddenly find herself in just such a shelter, caught by an air-raid, and being immensely helped by a cup of tea produced by a poor housewife from a tin-teapot.

Let us pray that we shall not forget all of these lessons after school hours, when victory is won and the war is over.

I Went To London And Saw This

From reports and photographs those in distant parts of the Empire may tend to visualise London partly in ruins or at least showing terrible signs of damage. For a building destroyed is news. A building left standing isn't. Naturally it is pictures of what is damaged, not of what is intact, that are given circulation.

This week I visited London, which for reasons unconnected with the war I had not seen since the heavy raids began. Travelling up by a slow train on a bright clear morning, I confess I expected to see many traces of the raiders as one looked over wide stretches of roofs and down innumerable streets.

Yet all I saw on the journey through the suburbs were some broken windows and in a typical small, poor street two or three houses which had collapsed under the blast of a bomb which had fallen some yards from them.

In the heart of Clubland not even broken windows could be seen in the few streets through which I walked. Except for the familiar precautionary measures, everything was normal. Though a raid warning had sounded people were going about their business, and one noticed car parks filled to overflowing.

Of course, serious damage has been done in places, but they have to be looked for. By day at least, the visitor is, in fact, mainly impressed by the normality of London and by the very high percentage of its area which stands intact and unaffected,

showing no trace of the nightly raids.

London Carries On

It would indeed be very wrong to minimise the seriousness or indeed, for many families the personal tragedy of the attack on London. And when you come across it, the damage may in it-

By Major-General Sir Charles Gwynn

self be terribly dramatic. A couple of big Regency houses clipped clean out of a great and beautiful terrace, half a dozen shops knocked to ruins and glass spilled over a wide circle by one bomb, a crater in a famous street large enough to hide a small house in—for those who love London these are not pretty sights.

Nor, frankly, is it any fun at all to "go to ground" in shelters at dusk and to sleep in racket and danger until the light brings security again. Fear is not a pleasurable emotion, and many have learned what it is for the first time.

Here the humour, the realism, and of course the indomitable courage of the English—be they men or women, young or old, are completely meeting the situation.

As for the material damage, it must be measured and given its

due importance by the fact that London is carrying on as the capital, as the political, the administrative, the industrial and commercial, and the intellectual headquarters of Britain.

Its activities flow forward. Its Ministries assemble. Its committees execute. Its business is transacted. Its work is done. Its millions are fed, transported, and protected. Its roads and railways are open, and, except when darkness offers the raiders easy hiding, its skies are its own too.

Moreover, damage once done is not damage for all time. A railway viaduct may be hit in the small hours. By nightfall trains may be passing over it again.

But Daylight Raids Are Defeated

There is a further fact about these raids on London which is fundamental and has not received nearly the attention which its importance deserves.

Night raids, other things being equal, are clearly very poor substitutes for day raids, when targets and damage can both be seen.

But, for all practical purposes, there are no day raids on London. Why? Because day raids have been tried and have failed.

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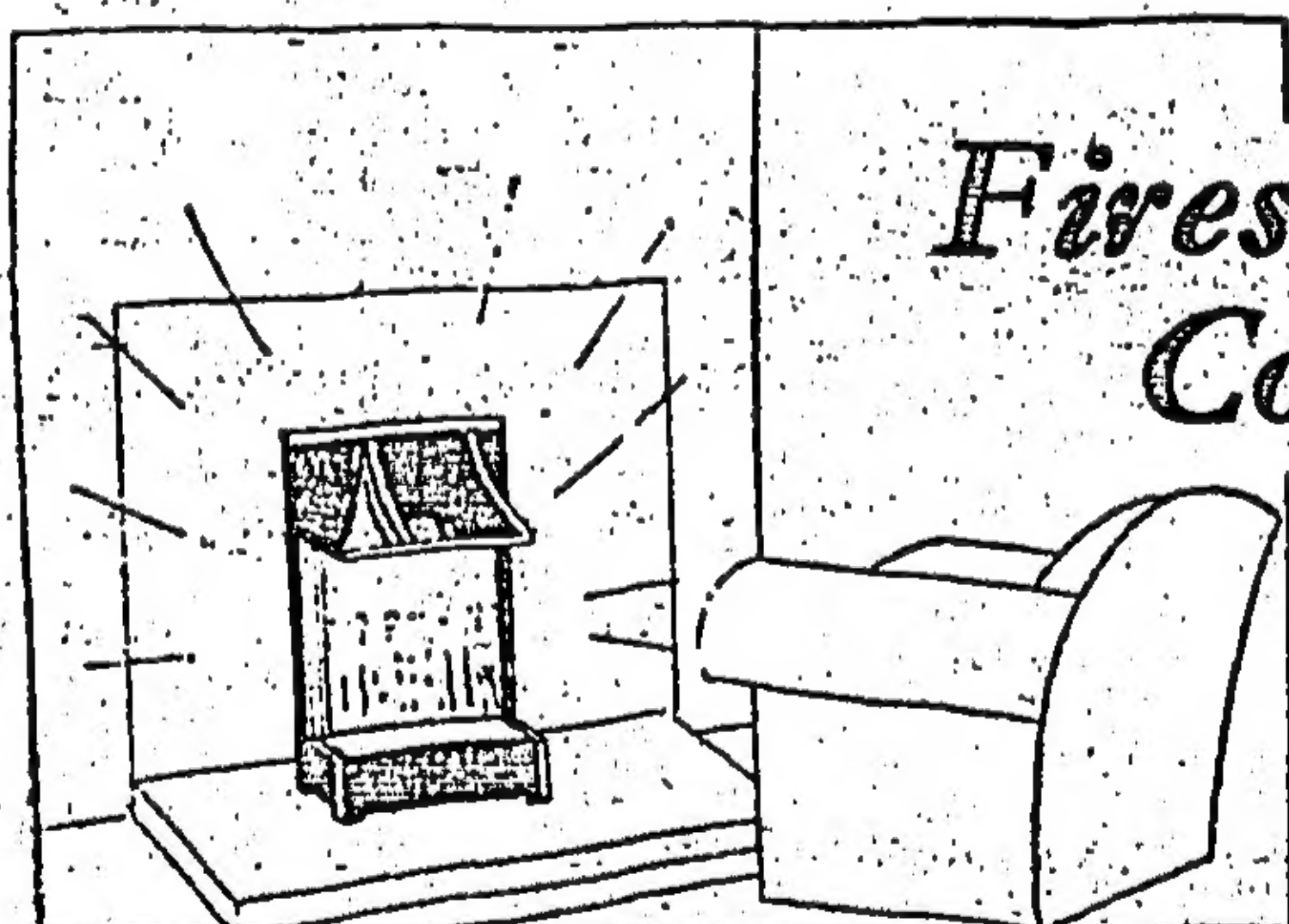
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across the harbour boom to their rendezvous with
the merchantmen whom they were to take in con-
voy through the Straits, writes a special correspon-
dent.

This was one of the Channel convoys; just a
collection of lumbering old tramps who, under the
quizzical eye of the Royal Navy, are day after day
loading and unloading along the British coast,
cocking a snook at Hitler and all his works be it
ever so fierce at "Hell's Corner." In these last
weeks they have come to stand as fully for the free-
dom of the seas as the proudest squadron of ships
of the line.

One liked to imagine that
Potato Jones was there, among
these sturdy terse skippers, their
collars as often as not represent-
ed by an unadorned shirt-stud,
yet whose knowledge of English
waters gives them high places in
the fellowship of the sea. But
it has been my experience to be
aboard the commanding escort
vessel, and during a memorable
24 hours witness something of
the unwinking vigilance, the
painstaking concern for detail,
that the Navy takes over its
flock—to say nothing of the pro-
tection of its guns. We were to
have cause to be thankful for
them before the sun went down.

I had been shown a plan of
the convoy in harbour, and
here over a stretch of choppy
water it came to life with far
more simplicity than might have
been looked for from that intricate
document, with its precise allot-
ment of stations. No greater
care could have been taken had
it been a naval review. For the
first essential was that the con-
voy should keep close up.

Little may be written about
the several types of escort ves-
sels employed, among them a
number of balloon ships—one
boat flew a kite—which im-
parted an even greater sense
of security from the dive-
bomber than the landlubbers
of their kind.

Naval vessels certainly out-
numbered the tramps; and lest
it be wondered whether land
routes might not afford equal
facilities and fewer hazards it
should be remembered that it
would take seven or eight trains
to transport the load of one cargo
boat. And, moreover, this is
still the English Channel.

Gun Turrets Blaze

Off we went in a strong fol-
lowing wind that bore the bal-
loons along back to front and
blew the funnel smoke the wrong
way, an oddity for which the
Navy apparently has no collo-
quial term. Action stations were
immediately assumed and re-
mained so throughout the voy-
age; the busiest man on the
bridge for a long time was the
yeoman of signals, rapping out
messages on the flashlamps, pass-
ing down others to the wireless
cabin, as the convoy steamed
from single into double line with
the widening of the free passage.
Its speed was the speed of the
slowest merchantman; and that
was no great rate of knots.

For the warships it must
have been rather like putting
thoroughbred between the
shafts of hansom cabs, but
there was no fretting, just a
tense watchfulness for a sign
of the enemy. Here on the
bridge were Mr. Churchill's
real Jim Crow, the look-outs,
whose binoculars perpetually
ranged sky and sea.

Then, some two hours out,
we went into action. The alarm
bell rang below, and before I
was half-way up the ladder to
the bridge the gun turrets fore
and aft were blazing away with
a staggering blast at a lone
Dornier that circled in the clouds
high above our heads. It was
no sooner begun than over
"Bombs falling!" came the order,
and we crouched low on the
bridge, feeling, for my part,
embarrassingly naked; but, with
the exception of one fairly near
shot, the German made such a
bad job of it that, before an
admittedly fierce reception, he
might have imagined from our

smoke that we were going the
other way.

Anxious Moment

Still, he made off, we feared
to tell his friends—might it not
be to boast to them?—though he
was not out of earshot before
one of the layers of the director,
the eyes as it were of the
ship, was back at his novel.

Another anxious moment was
turned into glee when a flight of
overtaking aircraft was identified
as a patrol of Spitfires—and
they were not far away when
the next attack came. "Diver,"
flashed a sister ship whose guns
were in action before. Much
lower this time, we saw a vicious,
black Junkers swoop out of the
clouds seemingly between two
barrage balloons.

Now our multiple pom-pom
joined in the racket; the enemy
dropped his bombs, hopelessly
wide again, and, apparently pink-
ed, went into a steep dive with
two of the lurking Spitfires on
his tail.

We lost him in the clouds, but
judging from the eloquent waddle
of a returning fighter he probably
did not get back to tell the
story. There was one more sud-
den burst in the flaming sunset,
over like the others in a few
seconds; and the comment of
the gunnery control officer this
time was regret at having missed
the 6 o'clock news.

A Moonlit Scene

To the ship's company all this
was uneventful; they had gone
through sterner moments with
the convoy that was shelled
from the French coast. "I sat
here below and counted every
five minutes on the clock as the
shells arrived," the young doc-
tor told me. The captain called
it shadow-fighting against things
that could not be easily seen—
aircraft, submarines, E-boats,
shells—and he longed to meet
something his own size. Now
and again he would step down
from his platform with some
apt comment or a story of his
days as a submarine commander
as we stole slowly through the
night. The cliffs at Beachy
Head stood out like a distant
range of white mountains in
the moonlight; there was the
fine tracery of the searchlights,
the lurid spurt of gun flashes,
the drone of aircraft overhead speed-
ing, maybe, to wanton crime
in London.

The whole night was vibrant-
ly alive, and as we came on
through the Straits of Dover
we were near Hitler's barges,
which will cross this challeng-
ing strip of water at their
peril.

Lights flickered on the French
coast—usually there are fires—
and one realised with a shock
more bitter than in Paris or
Bordeaux the fate that has fal-
len on that mysterious land. "It
would be worth a guinea a minute
in a pleasure launch," the cap-
tain said.

Just Another Job

There was to be no more ex-
citement. The E-boats kept off
in the night and dawn found the
convoy well on the way for home,
with several warships gliding
across our bows on the horizon,
which pleased the commodore of
the convoy so well that he made
undue haste. I was taken over
this happy ship so like all the
others, proud of its roomy bridge

UNDER WRECKAGE FOR FOUR DAYS

Faint cries from the
wreckage of a house
in South-west London
led to the rescue of a
14-year-old girl who
had been given up as
dead when her home
was destroyed in the
night bombing.

The girl, Mildred
Castillo, the daughter
of Dr. and Mrs.
Richard Castillo, had
been buried alive in
the basement for four
days. Rescue workers
were clearing away
the house when they
heard her cries.

CLOSE-DOWN IN KENT, SUSSEX

Ten o'clock has been fixed by
the South-East Regional Commis-
sioner, Sir Auckland Gaddes, as
the time at which all theatres and
cinemas in Kent and Sussex must
close for the night. A similar
order has been made in respect of
other types of licensed and un-
licensed premises, such as public-
houses, off-licences, restaurants,
canteens, and refreshment rooms.
Clubs, billiards saloons, and dance
licensed premises such as public-
premises devoted to other forms
of amusements, including sports
and music. Chief constables will
be allowed to use their own dis-
cretion in granting extensions of
time for special occasions, and
may, in certain circumstances fix
an earlier closing hour, though not
earlier than 9 o'clock.

TIME LOST IN AIR RAIDS

The setting up of a central pool
from which payments can be
made to workers who lose time
through air raids is to be discuss-
ed by boot and shoe manufactur-
ers and the National Union of Boot
and Shoe Operatives at a special
meeting to be held in London.
Employers and operatives, it is
proposed, should contribute to the
pool on the same basis as the in-
dustry's holiday provision scheme,
under which male operatives re-
ceived £5 12s. and women £3 4s.
annually.

A RECORD AT BOW STREET

For the second time in four
days there were no night charges
at Bow Street Police Court. There
was only one remand case, which
was formally adjourned. This
constitutes a record since the pre-
sent Court was built in 1879.

WHY WORRY?

On a wayside pulpit outside a
church in a heavily bombed Lon-
don area: "Don't worry. Your
mountain to-day may be a mole-
hill to-morrow."

and pleased with the distinction
that the officers' quarters were
amidships instead of aft. The
officers themselves, nicely balanc-
ed between members of the
regular Service and the R.N.V.R.
—with vigorous beards in the
case of the younger men to dis-
tinguish them—made light of
the whole adventure. It was
just another job of work accom-
plished in which the old tramps
and all the other ships had
played their part; and when it
got chilly on the bridge there
was always the doctor down be-
low to talk about Java and con-
ger eels and motor-bikes. One
fell to wondering what Kipling
or Conrad would have written
about them all.

NOISY NIGHT IN LONDON AIR RAID

MORE LONDON children were killed and more families made homeless by Nazi bombing from the air. The raids were heavy, but after the "raiders passed" signal had been sounded early in the morning there was a quiet spell for an hour before another alert period began. The raiders approached London from different directions, and from time to time were coming over in steady streams one after the other.

It was a noisy night, but much of the noise was due to our own heavy and long-continuing A.A. fire. A black night at the beginning, before the moon had risen, was lit up by flashes from the guns, by searchlight concentrations; and by what seemed to be a new flare used by the raiders, which cast a yellow glow lasting some seconds. Later there was bright moonlight, but still the continuous flashing of London's guns was not eclipsed.

It is said that people are getting used to the heavy gunfire sufficiently to be able to sleep on undisturbed, and probably an advantage of Tube nights is that the noise does not penetrate to these deep shelters.

Londoners arriving in town for a new week of work looked cheerful and fresh enough. Some of the girls who work at stores which have been damaged in recent raids were on their way to prepare for the latest thing in bargain hunts for shoppers—salvage sales.

Being out for the night on warden's duties (writes a reporter) I saw much of last night's activity in one sector of London, and, if one could forget that death and destruction were being aimlessly let loose, the sky, with its changing pattern of flashes, piercing searchlights, and bursting shells, was thrilling to watch.

When the red glow of a fire started by the raiders appeared in the distance it seemed as if the gunners put a specially heavy barrage round this possible attraction for further raiders. Before long the firemen had done another good job of work and the tell-tale glow had gone.

"Like An Express Train"

A building in Central London was hit during the second warning. The bomb exploded on a parapet, and threw masonry into the basement area. People in the building heard the whistle of this and other bombs, and roof watchers said that the blast was like an express train tearing through a tunnel. There were many people in the building, but none was hurt. They were taking shelter, and, having listened to the rumble of the explosion, went on drinking tea. Later the same building was hit again, but a girl standing within a few yards of where this bomb fell in a basement area in the centre of the building escaped with cuts.

Among the killed in a South-West London area were people who had been removed from neighbouring houses because of delayed action bombs. Less than two hours after several hundred people who had been hastily evacuated had settled in their temporary quarters a heavy bomb was dropped in the district and stove in the side of a stone and brick wall.

A woman living in a tall, old-fashioned house said that half an hour after she and others had left the house it was levelled to the ground. Civil defence workers were quickly on the scene, and they found that many people were pinned down by wreckage.

Faint cries for help could be heard, and at once, regardless of danger from the crumbling building, rescuers began their work. In less than an hour the masonry and earth which had imprisoned people as they lay asleep in chairs and on mattresses had been moved.

Behaved Magnificently

Seven of the people, including two women and a child, were dead when reached. Others were seriously injured, but helpers say that all behaved magnificently. A little girl of about five was saved, but her mother was killed, and her father was taken to hospital in a grave condition. A rescue worker said that it was amazing that more people were not killed, many who were partially buried had little if any injury.

The bodies of a woman and a man were recovered from beneath a great pile of wreck.

age in a neighbouring street. Another woman was rescued after being imprisoned for an hour and a half. Two workmen were trapped for an hour in a small building which caved in on them, but escaped with abrasions and shock.

The statue of the horse Pegasus fell to the ground from the steeple of the Inner Temple Library. A German bomb recently struck the clock tower, over which Pegasus stood, ripping a hole in its side, and the authorities decided that the tower must be demolished. When workmen pulled down the upper structure the statue of Pegasus fell clear of the debris, and was picked up almost undamaged.

SALVAGE OF CRASHED AIRCRAFT

Mr. E. V. Bowater has been appointed by the Minister of Aircraft Production to take charge of the salvage of all crashed aircraft.

Mr. Bowater is chairman of the Bowater paper companies. He entered the business after recovering from serious injuries in the last war.



"Four Sons," stirring 20th Century-Fox drama, features Eugene Leontovich, as the mother, and (from top down) Don Ameche, Alan Curtis, Robert Lowery and George Ernest as her boys. At the King's.

COAST ARMY STANDS AT THE READY

THE ATMOSPHERE along the coast is grim but confident as the people wait almost hour by hour for Hitler's attempt at invasion. Now many of the shops are boarded up. The peaceful country lanes which visitors to this country like myself find so attractive resound to the rumble of trucks and the roar of motor cycles, writes a correspondent.

In spite of the full moon and the high tide, however, there has been a strong gale blowing in the Straits of Dover, which has led many of the local inhabitants to declare that the equinoctial gales have come early, and that it may now be impossible for the Germans to pilot their flat-bottomed boats across the Channel with any success.

Awaiting Tocsin

At any rate the Army is fully prepared and waiting. Most of the men have orders to sleep fully dressed, so that they can be ready at a moment's notice, and the civilians go to bed each night prepared to hear the church bells tolling to tell them that the hour has come.

I climbed up on one of the cliffs outside Dover and with the aid of glasses I could make out the coast of France. I saw the church steeple in Boulogne and the lighthouse near Calais. But what was most ironical of all was to make out the tall thin monument set up after the last war in memory of the famous Dover Patrol.

I talked with two farmers on the cliff, and they told me that the R.A.F. had bombed the German barges and dispositions all night long. They had sat on the hills and watched the red tracer bullets and explosions which went on continuously for many hours during the night. They have watched many of these attacks, and in their opinion it was one of the heaviest bombardments of the war.

I spent the night in a house three miles from the coast, and it was the first peaceful night's

sleep I have had for a week. The quiet was almost oppressive, no alarms, no droning planes, no bursts of gunfire. It seemed almost incredible that this part of the world may soon be a battlefield on which will be decided the most important issue civilisation has ever known.

A hotel not far from where we were standing had been hit a few days ago. One section of the hotel had been completely demolished, where the bomb had penetrated all four storeys. Two journalists who had been on the top floor in the room the bomb had gone through had had an unbelievable escape. They had fallen when the floor collapsed and been buried on the ground by twelve feet of debris. They had dug their way out with only minor injuries.

Awaiting The Fight

I dined with three officers in one of Great Britain's crack regiments. They were in fine spirit and confident of the ultimate outcome if the Germans should decide to attempt invasion.

They told me that their men were eagerly awaiting the fight; in fact, would be disappointed if it did not take place.

They said that although many of their troops had families in London and were worried about them, due to the difficulties in getting news through at the present time, they had all decided that the best way they could protect them would be to put up a fight on the coast that would go down in history as one of the greatest battles Great Britain had ever fought.

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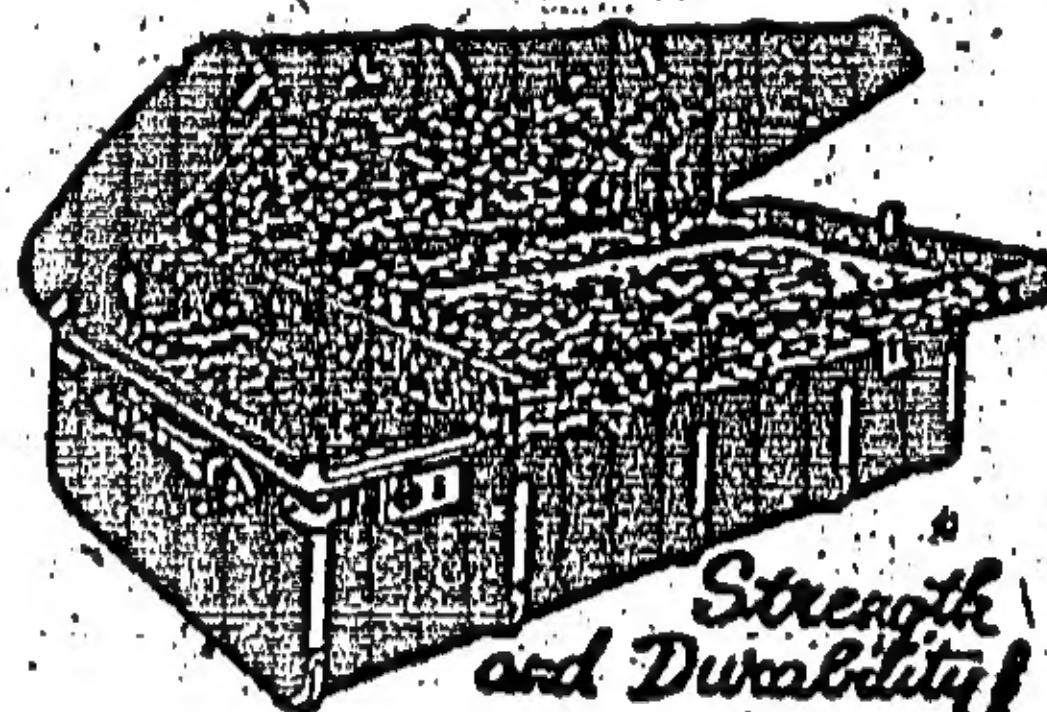
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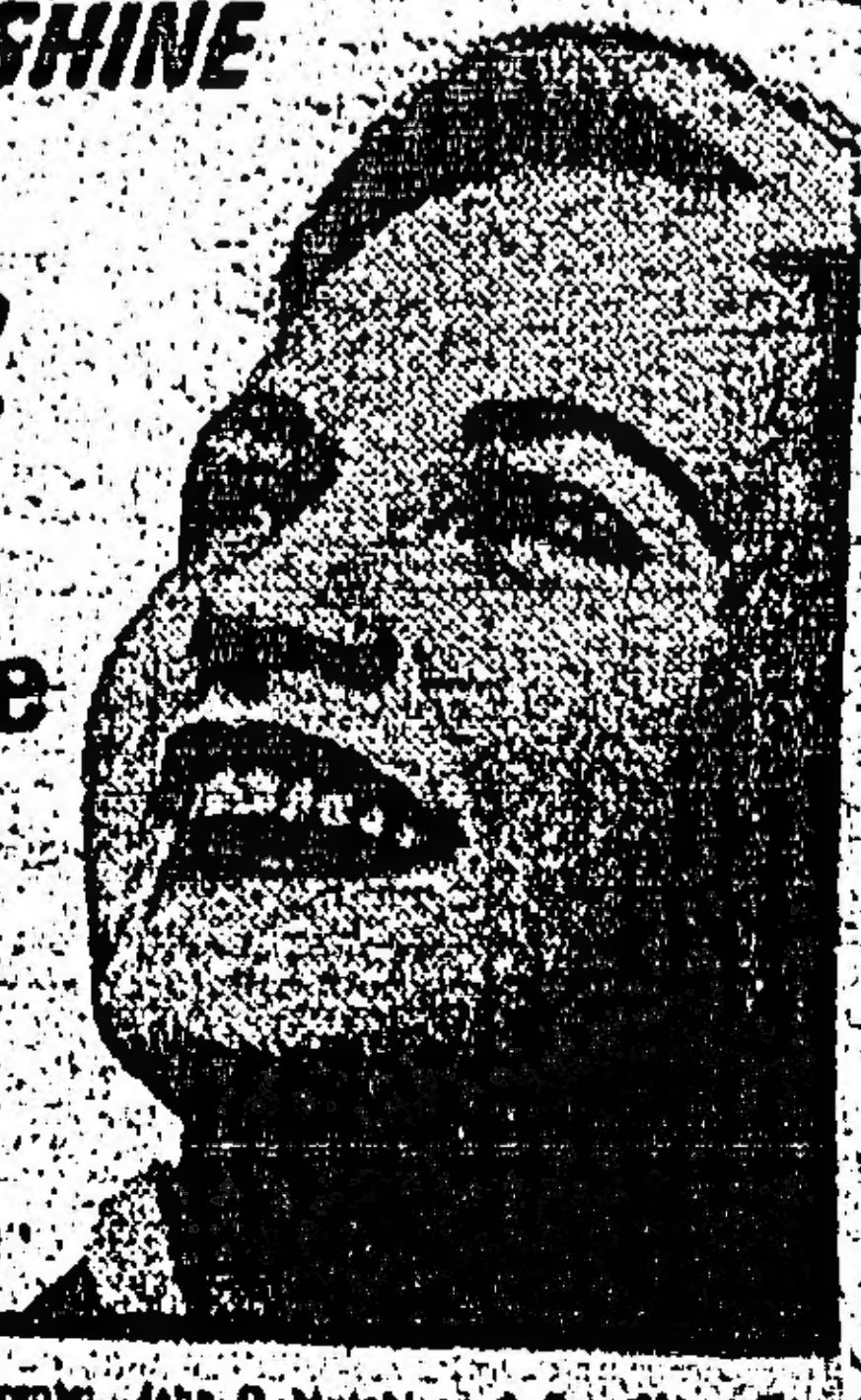
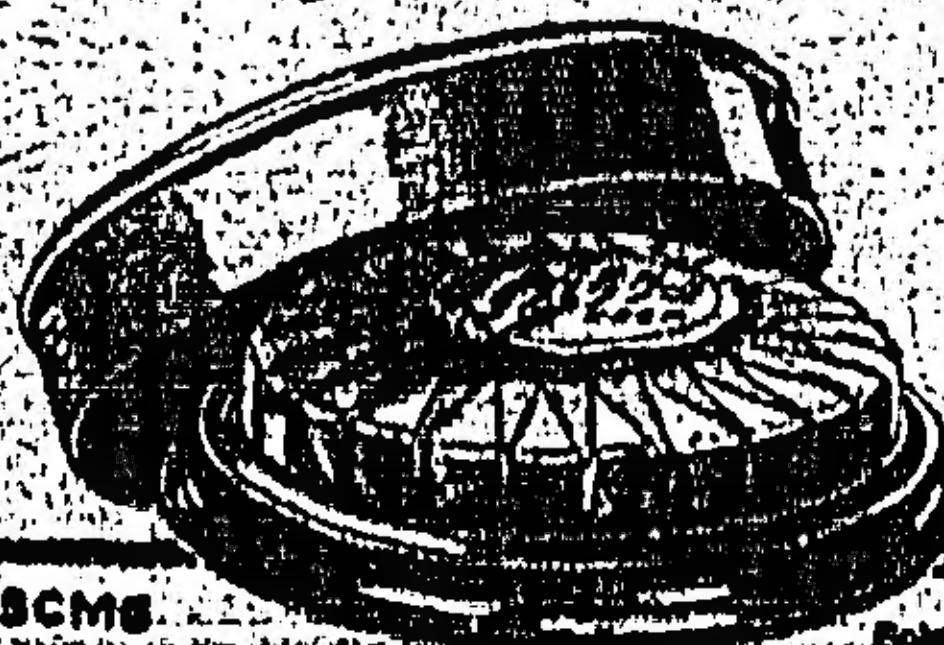
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CHOOSING A FINESSE

By The Four Aces

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Pass	Pass		

"West opened the deuce of clubs, and I took that trick with dummy's King. As far as I could see, I had a choice

between the diamond finesse and the trump finesse. There didn't seem to be any reason for choosing one rather than the other, so I went ahead on the theory of 'when in doubt lead trumps.' My finesse succeeded but the King of trumps didn't drop on the next round, so I lost a trick in each suit.

"As I said before, my partner (my husband, as you probably guessed) grumbled for three minutes by the clock—almost a new record for him. But he wouldn't or couldn't explain why the diamond finesse should have been preferred to the trump finesse. Is there any reason, or was he just making noises?"

We can't decide whether or not friend husband was making noises, but we do know that there was a very sound reason for preferring the diamond finesse. The hand was safe if the diamond finesses succeeded (unless one opponent had all the trumps, in which case nothing would work.) But if the trump finesse succeeded, South still had to drop the King of trumps on the next trick. When you have to choose one

MORE HOSPITALS HIT

A medical block at one of the oldest of London's hospitals was wrecked by a high-explosive bomb which passed right through a staircase but missed wards on either side. Patients were in the basement shelters.

At another hospital which was hit people in the district left their shelters at the height of the raid in order to help. The main staircase was badly damaged and patients—none of whom was injured—were carried down the fire escapes.

play or another, it's certainly wise to choose the play that will benefit you if it works.

Thursday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 3
♥ Q 5
♦ A 10 6 3
♣ K Q 3 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Vacoby	Maler	You
1♠	2♥	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. Partner's vulnerable overall shows a strong hand. You have a fit in hearts, probably two spade stoppers, and enough minor-suit strength to afford a fine play for game.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 60% for two no-trump, 40% for three hearts.

Question No. 571

To-day you are Merwin D. Maler's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q J 5
♥ J
♦ A K Q 6 4 3
♣ K 10 2

The bidding:

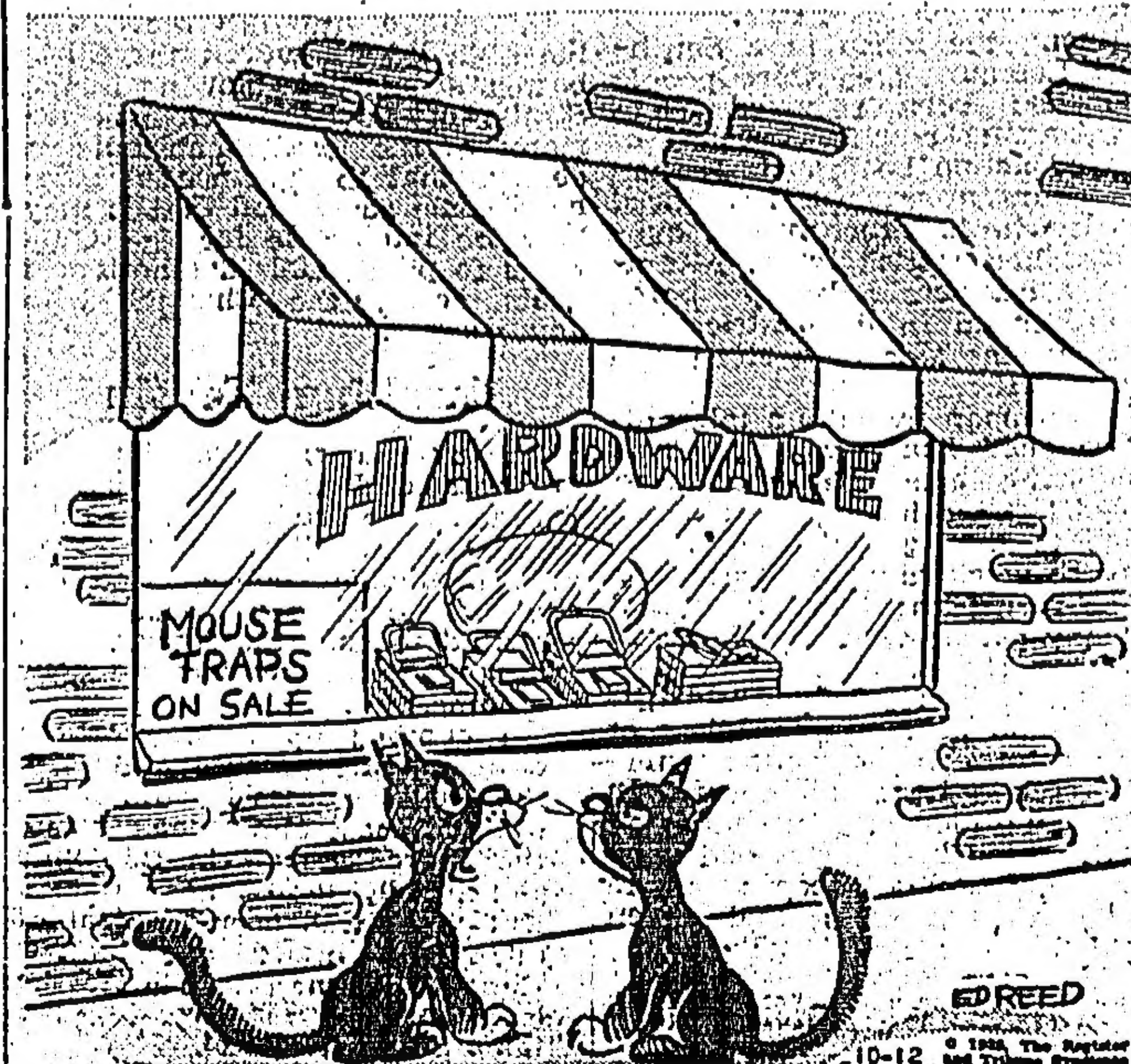
Jacoby	Maler	Schenken	You
1♠	2♥	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Coiffures Of Greece Revived

The ancient Greek women liked to dress their hair high and perhaps that is why modern beauties are adopting those styles. Curls are held high off the nape of the neck by coloured bands, rolled kerchiefs, or false braids.

If you want to be truly glamorous, you may dress your hair in pompadour fashion with a mass of small curls in back from the top of your crown to the nape of your neck. Then take a ribbon or artificial braid and wind it around your head—back of your ears and off the front: pompadour. That will keep the curls in place and look quite new and daring. Greek ladies pinned fruit or flowers in their hair, and so may you. In fact those little feathered birds are back in favour provided the gown you wear can stand such head decoration!



The newest Greek coiffures have gracious beauty.

Insist Upon Soft Permanent

If you get a soft permanent wave, you may dress your hair in any number of fashions. But if your hair comes out of the process frizzy, you will not be able to do a thing with it until it has had several reconditioning treatments.

There is a very new wave that

may have reached your district, which is given without the aid of a machine. Your hair is rolled on little steel curlers, which are later connected to small rubber tubes and a curling fluid is poured through the curlers. Then several gallons of fresh water is poured through to rinse out the curling fluid and if you desire, you may have a softening sham-

poo directly after the waving is finished. This wave is supposed to be soft, and even thin stubborn hair seems to curl nicely by this method. If you have difficulty, you might try it.

But don't think for a minute that you can have an ideal wave if your hair has not been reconditioned before you go to the salon. No waving process, this new one included, can bring beauty to your hair. It will curl your hair, but the natural beauty must be in it before you have it waved. Bi-monthly oil treatments and daily brushings do marvels in keeping hair healthy and glossy. You are a foolish beauty if you don't treat your head to both!

Shampooing

Do not shampoo your hair for two weeks after you get a wave, but do brush it well every day and have it set with water once a week. The natural oils of the scalp must be given a chance to lubricate the entire length of the hair which has been curled, and thus give it a lovely sheen. When you do have it shampooed use an oil shampoo or have an oil treatment before a soap shampoo.

Brunettes should strive for the more severe coiffures whereas blondes may have fussier hairdos. Many brunettes find that having only the ends of their hair waved is sufficient to allow them attractive hair settings. But you must be your own judge of that. A flat soft wave on the crown of the hair may be pressed into sleekness by expert fingers.

Housewives' Notebook

A FEW drops of paraffin added to starch immediately. It is made will prevent the iron from sticking to the garments. If you have to leave an electric iron in the middle of your work, don't forget to switch it off, but place a tea-cosy over the iron and it will keep hot a long while.

A SIMPLE way to sterilize bottles for fruit is to place a funnel on its broad end in a saucepan of boiling water. As the steam rises through the funnel, "spout" hold the bottle over it.

Banish Summer Neglect

Those of us, who live where the sun shines the year round, hot enough to tan one's body, do not need to worry about reconditioning face and neck—our problem is to keep our skin sufficiently lubricated so it will not toughen and wrinkle deeply.

Four beauty aids are needed for autumn skin—an efficacious cleansing cream, an astringent to suit your skin type, an easily applied masque, and a protective cream for under make-up. I assume you always have on hand a bland, good soap and complexion brush, and ice.

Once a week, at least for a month, if you cannot afford the delightful experience of a professional facial you should devote an hour to skin pampering.

You should begin with a deep pore cream cleansing, using the cream lavishly and massaging your face and neck with slow, deep movements. Wipe it off and wash your face with complexion soap and brush. Rinse it thoroughly in warm water only, dry, and apply your masque.

You must allow at least fifteen minutes for the masque to bleach and firm the tiny face muscles. Allow longer time if you can. Then remove it according to the directions which come with the masque you have chosen. Astringent, chilled, is then used.

Beautify Face Through Exercise

With your skin exquisitely clean and smooth, sit before your mirror and spend ten minutes on facial exercises. This will bring the blood rushing to your skin, the tiny muscles will be made more elastic through the scienti-

fic stretching, and your throat and lip muscles will be eased so you will speak in melody.

Then before you begin to make a pretty face with a bright new lipstick, rouge and powder, rub your skin swiftly with a piece of ice wrapped in a linen handkerchief. Dry the skin thoroughly and apply your protective cream.

Between Treatments

Each day, between these weekly regular facials, clean your skin well with cream and soap and water. And lubricate it at night (or during day hours if you are free) with a rich cream or skin oil. Women over thirty especially, who have dry skin, should not neglect to lubricate it daily.



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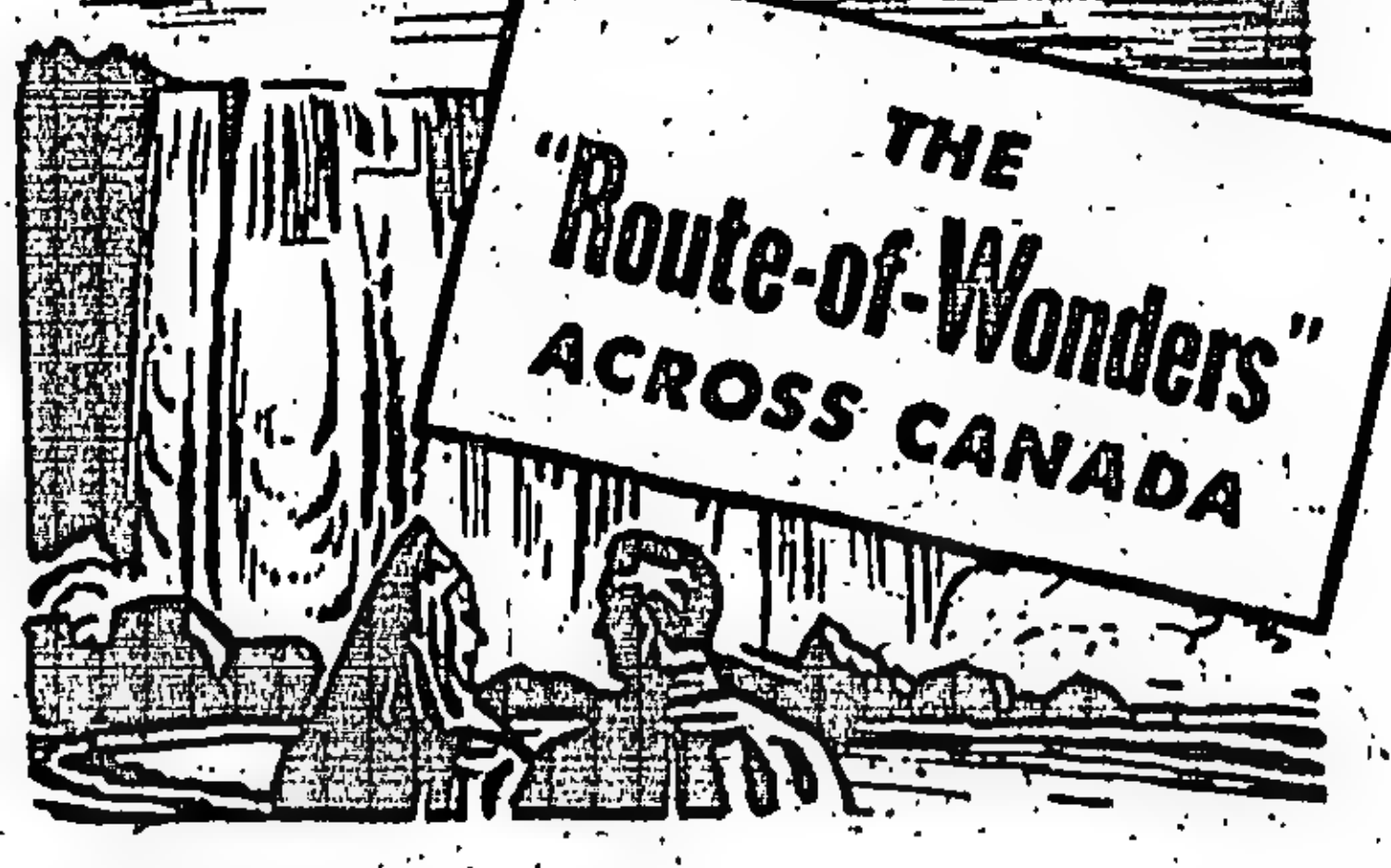
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Variety Programme.

1.03 p.m.—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

1.20 p.m.—Welsh Songs.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A "Swing" Programme with Maxime Sullivan.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—A Bach Programme.

Suite In G: (a) Courante; (b) Allemande; (c) Gavotte; (d) Menuet; (e) Gigue London Symphony Orchestra.

Prelude and Fugue No. 9 in E Major Harriet Cohen (Piano).

Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G Major:—1st Mov: Allegro and Adagio; 2nd Mov: Allegro Ecole Normale Chamber Orchestra, Paris, conducted by Alfred Cortot.

Trio from "The Musical Offering":—Part 1—Largo; Part 2—Allegro; Part 3—Andante; Part 4—Allegro Italian Trio.

6.47 p.m.—Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Albert Sandier (Violin) & His Orchestra and Olive Gilbert (Contralto).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—London Relay—"Garrison Theatre".

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.

9.30 p.m.—Local sports results.

9.33 p.m.—Max Miller in the Theatre Again:—Recorded during an actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London.

9.52 p.m.—Humorous & Vocal Variety.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "In My Opinion".

11.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

12.00 midnight—Close down.



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CRICKET

TWO GOOD SENIOR MATCHES ON TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

R. E. Lee Making First Appearance Of Season

Debut Showing Of Command H.Q.

By "Adrem"

MOST CRICKET TEAMS are depleted to some extent to-day by players at Volunteer camps, and the most interesting match should be seen at King's Park, where Recreio entertain the champions, Kowloon Cricket Club.

This is the second meeting of the two clubs. In the first fixture of the season K. C. C. won by the large margin of 78 runs, principally due to a half-century by D. Hung and the fine all-round form of F. R. Zimmern, then making his first appearance for the Cox's Road team.

Lee's First Game

K. C. C. will be sans N. D. Lloyd this afternoon as he is at camp, but it will be interesting to see how Robble-Lee fares on his first appearance this season. He was down at practice a couple of times in the course of the week but was not able to get in very much bowling owing to the fact that there was no-one to bowl to! I have a feeling that a shock attack of F. R. Zimmern and Lee, on the Recreio wicket, which is still said to be pretty tricky, might be pretty dangerous — and that might almost be taken literally!

Another good match should be seen at Sookunpoo, where I. R. C. will be at home to Cricket Club. Most of the latter club's military members will be playing, although Alec Pearce is a notable absentee. I. R. C., at full strength should do well but I don't think they have the batting to win.

Civil Service, without Griffiths, Colledge and several regular members of their side, should nevertheless be too good for Craighower, who, although strong enough in bowling, appear unable to muster runs.

Junior Games

Most interesting of the junior games should be the match between the second teams of K. C. C. and Recreio. The former team has now run right into form and has been doing extremely well of late. Smarting from their experience in the first game this season, when Recreio put them out for 34, they will be all out to avenge them-

selves and I think they will do it, on their own ground.

The Command Headquarters team makes its first appearance this year and will be opposed to Royal Air Force. Led by experienced Brigadier McLeod, the "Brass-Hats" should win.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:

FIRST DIVISION	
I.R.C.	v. H.K.C.C.
Recreio	v. K.C.C.
C.S.C.C.	v. C.C.C.
SECOND DIVISION	
H.K.C.C.	v. I.R.C.
K.C.C.	v. Recreio
C.C.C.	v. C.S.C.C.
P.R.C.	v. Royal Scots
R.A.F.	v. Command H.Q.

TEAMS
H.K.C.C. 1st XI:—H. Owen-Hughes, J. F. Lawrence, J. L. Isley, N. D. Booker, C. D. N. Walker, T. G. C. Knight, E. P. Miller, L. T. Ride, D. C. E. Grose, W. G. Finnie and J. L. C. Pearce.

C.S.C.C. 1st XI:—J. E. Richardson, A. E. Perry, D. McLellan, F. Baker, K. J. Attwell, D. J. Hollidge, N. Whiteley, N. L. Smith, A. Watson, T. Lockhart and A. M. J. Wright.
K.C.C. 1st XI:—E. C. Elcher, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, E. F. Fincher, A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, D. Hume, W. L. Rapley, R. T. Broadbridge, T. A. Madar and F. J. Lay.

C.C.C. 1st XI:—E. Zimmern, P. J. Billimoria, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, R. R. Iranee, B. R. Iranee, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, E. A. Lee, A. K. Ismail and T. Lock.

R.A.F.:—W. E. Gillespie, A. R. Palling, H. A. J. Cook, H. R. Stockham, J. R. S. Stimson, W. H. Smith, L. R. Hunt, F. L. Hensly, T. H. Hawkins, N. R. Clarkson and C. E. Abbas.

P.R.C. XI:—C. Pope, A. E. Carey, W. L. Clarke, J. Shepherd, H. Danbrowsky, J. Orem, A. Estall, B. G. Baker, J. Lewis, H. Matches and A. Billingham.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI:—E. J. R. Mitchell, D. S. Robb, D. O. Parson, W. Stoker, A. K. Mackenzie, H. J. Armstrong, A. T. Dow, R. S. W. Paterson, C. E. Gahagan, G. F. Charlton and C. W. E. Bishop.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI:—H. E. Strange, H. F. Harper, G. Ainslie, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, G. Davidson, G. Stone, F. E. Lawrence, H. P. Cunningham, A. (Continued at foot of Next Col.)

TO-DAY'S RUGBY

There are two Rugby matches to-day, and both are on the Navy ground at Causeway Bay.

At 2.45 p.m. Volunteers meet Naval Volunteers and should win by a comfortable margin, while at 4 p.m. a combined Navy and Police team is not expected to hold the powerful Army, fifteen, providing the latter are at full strength.

Following are some of the teams:

VOLUNTEERS—F. M. Thompson (No. 1 Coy.); H. van Leeuwen (Mobile Column); M. G. Carruthers (Mobile Column); D. G. Day (No. 1 Coy.) and P. B. Wilson (Corps Artillery); J. Hutchison (Mobile Column) and F. J. C. Clemo (No. 1 Coy.); I. M. Macrae (No. 2 Coy.); J. F. Burford (Corps Artillery); G. G. Davies (Corps Artillery); J. S. Lee (Mobile Column); C. F. Needham (Fortress Signals); G. B. Godfrey (No. 2 Coy.); A. J. G. Taylor (No. 4 Coy.) and J. Redman (No. 1 Coy.).

NAVAL VOLUNTEERS—Sub-Lt. Brown; Sub-Lt. McGill, Cdt. Lambie, Lt. Morahan, Sub-Lt. Poole; Sub-Lt. Smith, Lt. Rutherford; Sub-Lt. Eager, Lt. Watson, Lt. Moodie; Cdt. Thorhill, Sub-Lt. Beattie; Lt. Carey, Sub-Lt. (E) Benn and Sub-Lt. Dalziel.
NAVY AND POLICE—Wall (Police); Taylor (Police); Tel. Honeywill (Navy); A/Ldg. Tel. Paul (Navy) and A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden (Navy); Lieutenant Carter (Navy) and Lieut.-Cdr. Clark (Navy); L.S.A. Palmer (Navy); Lt. (E) Brown (Navy); Cullinan (Police); E/Lt. Taylor (Navy); C.P.O. Wtr. King (Navy); Wright-Nooth (Police); Innis (Police) and Dempsey (Police).

Reserves—Reynolds (Police); Todd (Police); Sgt. Mansfield (Navy); F/Lt. Wright (Navy) and A.B. Longmuir (Navy).

BADMINTON MEETING

LEAGUE STARTS ON DECEMBER 11

At a meeting of the Badminton Association held yesterday it was decided that the League start on December 11.

St. John's, winners of "B" division, were permitted to remain in this division as several players of last year's team would not be competing.

This permission was granted on the understanding that if they maintained a winning standard in the first five games of the League they would be transferred to the "A" Division.

Rev. J. R. Higgs and Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith were elected vice-presidents of the Association. A donation of \$50 was made to the Bomber Fund.

Following are the "B" Division teams:

Section A.—Chung Wah, King's College, Recreio, Jewish Club, Victoria Recreation Club.

Section B.—St. John's, Kowloon Tong, St. Andrews, Kowloon Police.

INTER-HONG CRICKET TEAMS

Following have been chosen for the annual cricket match between Jardine's and the Hong Kong Bank, which will be played at the Kowloon Cricket Club, commencing at 11 a.m. to-morrow:

Jardine's XI:—N. L. H. Ralton, K. M. Baxter, N. D. Booker, N. J. Becker, D. I. Bosanquet, E. M. Brazel, G. J. P. Carey, G. P. Charlton, D. Hung, D. O. Parsons and G. P. Stone.

H.K. Bank's XI:—M. F. L. Haynes, D. G. Day, E. A. Bompas, B. Gosano, G. M. Gosano, G. Harrington, L. J. A. Fiedlen, J. S. Lee, E. P. Miller, F. M. Thompson and C. D. N. Walker.

Shepherd and J. Barrow.
K.C.C. 2nd XI:—S. A. Gray, E. Curth, L. B. Burch, R. A. J. Simpson, K. Baxter, G. A. Goodban, R. J. Fenton, J. R. Luke, R. Leigh, G. Giffen and H. Brokenshire.

C.C.C. 2nd XI:—A. M. Omar, W. K. Way, C. W. Lam, A. Hung, J. W. Leonard, E. J. Mitchell, J. L. Youngs, N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. H. Esmail and H. L. Forman.

R.C. 2nd XI:—M. R. Abbas, A. H. Ismail, H. T. Harima, M. I. Razack, F. A. Curroem, A. d. Artull, T. Ali, A. R. Suffed, J. M. A. Rumjahn, A. Bahjin and M. D. Hassan.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

MENTIONED in my last notes, that U.S.S. Tulsa and the Alley Team were to meet in a five-game Duck Pin match on November 12. This resulted in a win for Tulsa by 110 pins.

Vasko for Tulsa was top scorer of the match with a good 485 and he was followed very closely by Drewes, with 481.

Wright for the Alley Team was third highest scorer with 479, or almost 90 pins per game, while Bellow for Tulsa made a good 473; Hoffman of Tulsa did not bowl as confidently as he usually does, and only made 415 or an average of 83 pins per game.

Another fair score was Vaughan's 430, but Cleggett and Ismail for the Alley Team were off, Cleggett registering 411 and Ismail 424.

There were only seven scores of over 100, but no fewer than 13 over 90. Scores of over 100 were six for Tulsa and one for the Alley Team, Bellow of Tulsa making two of them, a 100 in his second game and another 100 in his fourth game. Drewes registered two also—110 in his first game and 103 in his fourth.

The solitary score of over 100 made by Alley Team was bagged by Wright with 104 in his fifth game.

The average score per player per game for Tulsa worked out 92.7 pins, while the Alley Team's average worked out at 87.2.

Ewo Semi-Final

There was quite an interesting five-game Ten Pin match played on November 14, it being the second of the semi-finals in the Ewo Indoor Bowling League, between Argonauts and the Wash Outs (the winner of the other semi-final between the Dare Devils and the Hyjackers being the former, who won by 247 pins on November 12).

On this occasion the Wash Outs won very narrowly by 26 pins and subsequently played the Dare Devils in the Finals, in a match described later in this article.

Chief Petty Officer Summers for Argonauts, and Albert Odell were unable to turn out and A. A. Borg and C. W. Engle of U. S. S. Tulsa substituted for them.

With the exception of Borg for the Wash Outs, the scoring all round was low for such an important match. Borg was top scorer with a good 815 and would probably have done much better had he not started with a 136.

Ismail of the Argonauts was next best, with 761 while Cleggett for Argonauts was third top scorer with 757. Hall, and Birkett of Argonauts were right off form as were Talan, Odell and Engle, of the other team.

Close Affair

The match was a very close and hard-fought one. Argonauts led after four games by 45 pins but the last game saw the Wash Outs go ahead to win by 28 pins.

Highest individual score of the match was 190 made by Ismail in his second game.

Good Match

On November 15, there was a good five-game Ten pin match between Spenko and his Tulsa team and a representative team from the Alleys, the match resulting in a win for the former combination, by no less than 487 pins.

Spenko and his team wore in excellent form, and caught the Alley Team napping.

Petersen of Tulsa was the star bowler of the match, scoring a brilliant 898, which would have been even better, had he not made a poor 147 in his second game. This player registered the highest individual score with 221 in his fourth game.

Moore of Tulsa was second highest scorer with 875. He also put up two good scores—a 206 in his second game and 208 in his fourth.

Spenko was not his usual self, although his 793 contributed very largely to the debacle of the Alley Team.

Landolt top-scored Alley Team with a useful 790, but again, in his case, a chance of a much higher score was spoiled by a poor 138 in his third game. Ismail did pretty well to score 781, this score including a brilliant 216 in his first game.

Vaughan, who is more accustomed to Duck Pins than Ten Pins, did not distinguish himself, while Murphy was completely off form. I rather think that Murphy's lack of experience of match games contributed very largely to his poor showing.

Signals' Success

There was a very keen five-game Duck Pin match played on Saturday between U.S.S. Tulsa and Royal Corps of Signals, which resulted in a tight win for Signals by 51 pins.

Emerson of Tulsa was unable to complete his games and B. M. Gordon deputised for him.

Vasko of Tulsa and Blount of Signals tied for top score with 819 and to decide the superiority they each played an extra frame, which was won by Blount with a spare, against Vasko's 9.

Wright of Signals was next with 481, feature of his bowling being his wonderful consistency, his scores being 99, 97, 93, 98 and 94.

Drewes of Tulsa averaged 94 pins per game, and Osznajac did well to make 423.

I do not remember this player having played in a Duck Pin match in these Alleys before, his useful attempt therefore being all the more creditable. Both Watts and Cleggett bowled quite well.

There were seven scores of 100 and over, the Tulsa team bagging four of them, and Signals the others. Drewes made 100 in his first game, Vasko 126 in his second, 112 in his fourth, and 108 in his fifth game, and Watts 100 in his fifth.

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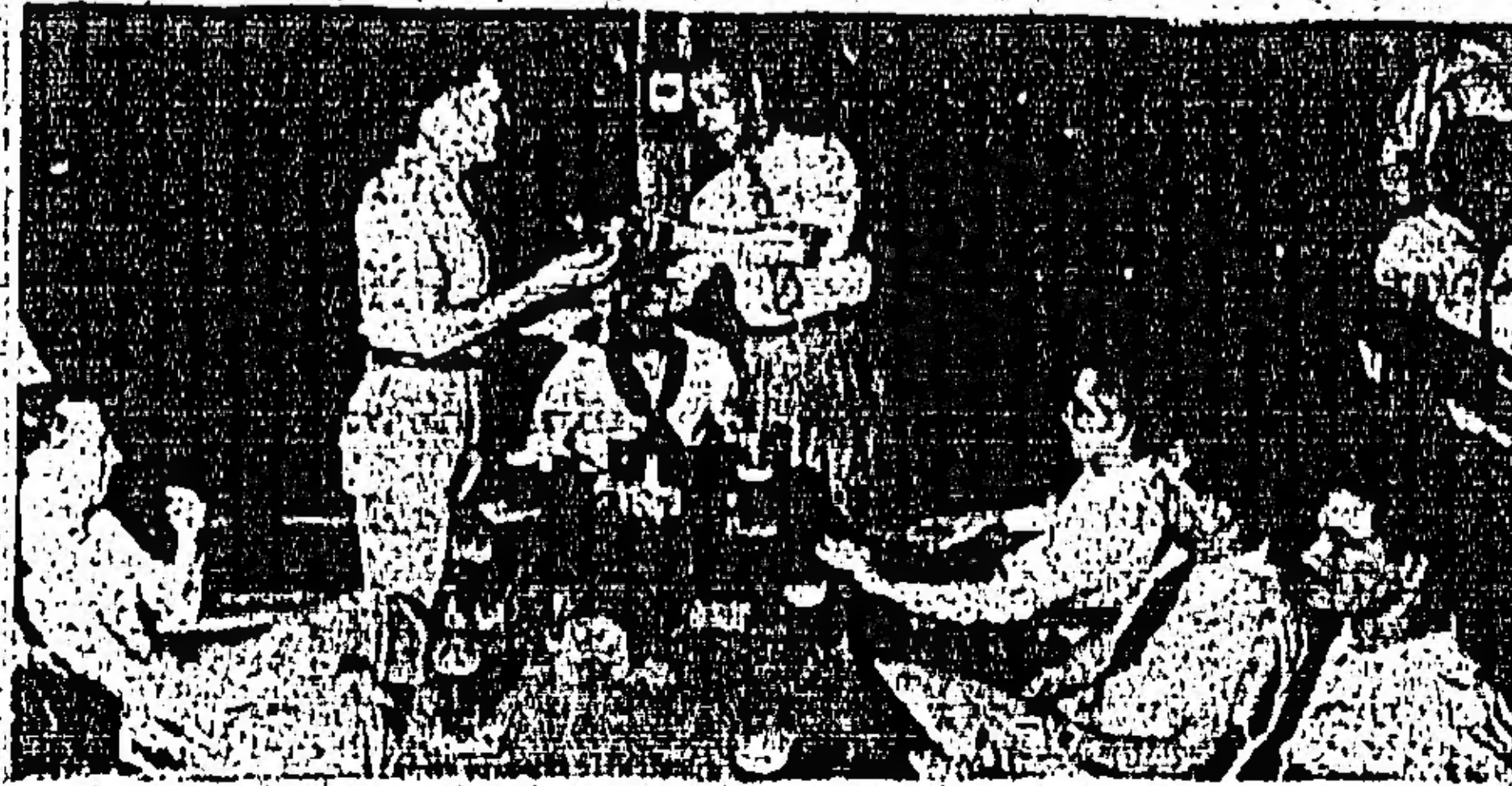
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UNOFFICIAL TABLE TENNIS INTERPORT ON SATURDAY

ANOTHER "NEEDLE" SOFTBALL MATCH

By "Grandstand"

AT CHATHAM ROAD, TO-MORROW, SOFTBALL FANS WILL BE TREATED TO ANOTHER NEEDLE AFFAIR IN THE INDIAN SOFTBALLERS-ST. JOSEPH'S CLASH SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 1.30 P.M. SHARP.

Apart from the fact that both teams are making a strong bid for the pennant this season, rivalry between the two squads is keen, since most of the players from both camps worked side by side under Ball Club colours last season, the Arculli brothers, Tarzan Ismail, A. R. Abbas and A. K. Omar, forming the nucleus of the new Indian Softball team, and the rest of the former Ball Club team joining the Saints.

With the teams well-matched, the side that gets the breaks should come out on the long end of the score, but this corner gives the edge to the Saints.

This conclusion has been arrived at after a study of the statistical performances of both teams to date, which shows that the Saints have averaged .363 and .398 in their batting, and fielding departments, for their four games, while the Indians can only boast averages of .301 with the stick and .856 in the field.

Manager "Choppy" Omar is quite satisfied with his team's progress, and hints at a surprise relief pitcher he has in reserve just in case Frankie Gonzales is unable to deliver the goods. Equally confident is mentor A. K. Omar of the Indians, who has acted on advice to strengthen his infield and is giving Sheridan

PANTHERS MAY BEAT WAHOOS

By "Grandstand"

In the opener of the two-game schedule in the Ladies' circuit, Recreo Ramblettes will meet the Little Flowers in a game which should be productive of errors.

Hurler Irene Mathias will start for the Ramblettes, while Lily Silva will pitch for the Florinhas, and unless the Little Flowers put more spirit into their fielding, this will probably be another track meet.

Umpires will be Hal Winglee, Bimby Ablong and C. M. Xavier. The Baby Panthers-Wahoos tussle should prove more entertaining as both teams are fairly evenly matched. The Wahoos possess the heavier hitters in Yvonne Yollo, Jackie Anderson and Irene Castillo, but the Pantherettes' strength is to be found in their base-stealing, which, together with their superior hurling staff, may enable them to better the Wahoos.

New Pitcher

Coach Cesario Xavier announces that Lella Xavier will take over mound duties from now on, while former ace-hurler Irene "Half Pint" Tavares will be taking a rest (?) at the hot corner, and will only pitch when necessary.

News has been received that a ground has been obtained for the Inter-Hong League, and Secretary Tony Ribeiro announces that a start will definitely be made on December 1. A programme is being drawn up, and will be circulated to team managers as soon as possible.

"Romeo" Hamet the custody of the initial station instead of Madeen "Slim" Arculli.

In the last game with the Recreo Aces, Hamet handled 14 fielding chances without a bobble.

Anyway you look at this tussle, win, lose or draw, it will be a fight to the finish.

The arbitrators will be Herbie Quon, Tuffy Chinn and Caco Marques.

Baseballers Should Win

Immediately after this game, the Cyclones tangle with the Hong Kong Baseballers. It seemed that the Baseballers had slackened in their fielding when they booted nine times in their last game, but, in spite of this, should be able to take the Cyclones, whose leadership in the League is being jeopardised.

Main Cyclone trouble will be beating the bullet pegs, for which the Baseballers are famed.

In the absence of Pinky Pineda, Sherry Bux will toe the rubber for the Cyclones, whose "prayer" ball will be easy pickings for the hard-hitting Waggonermen.

Hal Winglee, Stan Leonard and Albert Leonard have been appointed to handle this game.

Junior League Resumes

Through the kindness of the Military Authorities in placing one of their grounds at the disposal of the Softball Association, the Junior League, which has been suspended for some time due to the lack of a ground, will be resumed this week with a four-game programme.

The venue for all future Second Division games will now be the Military football ground at the corner of Gascolgne and Chatham Roads.

In a game slated to start at 10.30 a.m., Royal Scots will cross bats with the Liga. The Scots, although to be commended for their spirit in joining the League, are not likely to be much of a match for the more experienced Portuguese team.

Wally Welford, H. Osmund and W. Woo will officiate this game.

At 11.45, the Cosmos take on the 8th Heavy R. A. This game should not provide much interest, as the Gunners have not yet reached a standard sufficiently high to constitute a threat to any team in their League loop.

A. Pereira, E. Souza and R. Phillips have been chosen as umpires.

Due to the postponement of one game in both the Ladies' and Senior Divisions, the time available will be given to the Chung Hwa-Engineers and the C. B. A.-R.A.F. fifts, the former starting at 12 noon and the latter at 4.00 p.m. Chung Hwa, who the dopestors tip to cop the Junior flag this year, should be able to notch another victory at the expense of the Sappers.

The umpires for this game will be Sli Powlawski, Caco Marques and J. Fonseca.

The C.B.A.-R.A.F. fracas should be anybody's game, as the Aviators possess the harder hitters headed by "Plug" Gillespie, whilst the Britishers are the better fielders, with Pinky Higgins at the helm.

"Doc" Molthen, Chuck Waggoner and A. M. Omar will take charge of this game.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER PROGRAMME

First Division	
Sing Tao (Club, 4.15 p.m.)	v. Police
Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)	v. Royal Scots
South China (Caroline, 4.15 p.m.)	v. Navy
Kwong Wah (Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)	v. St. Joseph's
Second Division	
Sing Tao (Club, 2.45 p.m.)	v. Service Corps
Royal Scots (Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)	v. Middlesex
Kowloon (Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)	v. Club
Kit Chee (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)	v. Navy
30th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)	v. Police
Kwong Wah (Boundary Street, 2.45 p.m.)	v. Ordnance
Third Division	
20th R.A. (Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)	v. Air Force
24th R.A. (Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)	v. 35th R.A.

LARGE SOCCER PROGRAMME

By "Referee"

One of the largest programmes of football games in the local League will be played this afternoon but, in spite of this, there are few games likely to be of outstanding interest.

In First Division, a weakened Middlesex team meets Royal Scots at Sookunpoo. The former will be without Riches, Sheehan, and Jackson, who are on the injured list, while Royals will be including Fleming in their attack. Royals have defeated Middlesex, at full strength, before, and a good game should result.

On Club ground, Sing Tao meet Police and will have to go all out. Police are now occupying a lowly position in the League table but have a team capable of upsetting the best.

Howlett and Ferrier are two good players in the attack, and with more support from the other forwards, Police should do well.

Lee May Not Play

South China may be without Lee Wai-tong in their game against Navy but should manage a win. Navy will be strengthened by the return of Hendy in the forward line.

The best game in Second Division will be between Royals and Middlesex. The former are now lying third in the table and a win for them will place them in a challenging position to Royal Engineers.

Following is to-day's programme:

COLONY TO MEET MACAO AT K.C.C.

By "Sportshawk"

AN UNOFFICIAL In erport table tennis match between Hong Kong and Macao will be played at Kowloon Cricket Club next Saturday evening, commencing at 9 p.m. sharp.

There are six singles and two Doubles events on the programme which should provide a great deal of interest.

Mr. V. R. J. Merritt is the organiser of the contest, the entire proceeds of which will go to the Diocesan Missionary Association, and Christ Church charities.

It may be pointed out that table tennis has been in an organised state in Hong Kong for over 10 years and there are about 500 registered players of both sexes. The 10 players, who will represent the Colony on Saturday, are representative of the best here, while the nine Macao representatives were selected from the 300 or more players registered in the Portuguese Colony.

It is most unfortunate that the present H.K. Singles Champion, Shiu Shiu-kau, will not be able to turn out due to illness.

Leung Chak-fai, one of the few who have beaten the champion, is available and should do well.

Other Good Players

Apart from Leung Chak-fai, there are five other reputable players in the Singles Division. They are the well-known left-hand player, Tang Shiu-hei; the runner-up in the Colony Championship, Li Chun-hang; a newcomer, Lo Kwai-sang who maintained an unbeaten record for two successive years in Shanghai; and Leung Kwong-wa and Chau Chau-kau.

In the Doubles Division Hong Kong will be represented by the holders of the Championship, Lou Sik-cheong and Li Wing-shu, and the runners-up, Lau Kwok-chu and Shiu Shiu-nang.

Meanwhile Macao has obtained the services of several former Kwangtung Provincial players, among whom are Cheng Kwok-wing, who it will be remembered, beat Szabados runner-up in the World Championship, Yong Kam-chan former Macao Champion and Wong Wing-on, Macao Singles Champion.

The following are the selected representatives:

HONG KONG

Singles—Leung Chak-fai, Lo Kwai-sang, Leung Kwong-wa, Li Chun-hang, and Chau Chau-kau, or Tang Shiu-hei.

Doubles—Lou Sik-cheong and Li Wing-shu; and Lau Kwok-chu and Shiu Shiu-nang.

MACAO

Singles and Doubles—Cheng Hak-ming, Kwan Wing-po, Yong Kam-chan, Cheng Kwok-wing, Wong Wing-on, Luk Na-wu, Cheng Shu-chung, Wong Wing-nin, and Mak King-lou.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

BY "STRIKE"

(Continued From Page 14)

Ewo League Final

The final of the Ewo League proved most enjoyable, all players being in good spirits, although the standard was somewhat lower than usual. As mentioned earlier, the match was between the Dare Devils and the Wash Outs and was played on Tuesday, resulting in a decided win for the Dare Devils by no less than 411 pins.

Albert Odell being still unable to play and C. P. O. Summers of Asheville, being away from the Colony, R. E. Skiver of Mindanao and T. W. Wright of Signals very ably deputised.

The Dare Devils bowled consistently, there being only 12 pins difference between the highest and lowest aggregate scores.

Landolt was top scorer with 833, closely followed by Blount with 833, Gaddi with 832, and Watts with 831.

I have never yet seen a match where the four players finished up so close together.

The Wash Outs did not do as well as I expected of them and top scorer for their side was Skiver, the sub, his effort being a good 769 which would have been even better had it not been for a poor score in his fifth game, when he only managed 123.

Talan followed with 748, not one of his better efforts!

Wright did not do as well as I expected, and Jack Odell was clearly off form.

It was a pleasant match to watch, the spirit of camaraderie and good sportsmanship being much in evidence.

Trophy Presented

After the match the Manager of the Bowling Alley, on behalf of the donors of the Ewo Indoor Bowling Cup, presented the Cup to the captain of the Dare Devils, H. Blount, with a few well chosen remarks, to which Blount briefly replied.



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PERSHING REFUSES VICHY EMBASSY

General Pershing has declined the United States Ambassadorship to Vichy.

President Roosevelt disclosed at his press conference yesterday that he had in fact offered General Pershing the post of Ambassador to France but the doctors would not permit the general to accept on account of his health.—Reuter.

GIBRALTAR STORY UNFOUNDED

IT WAS LEARNED ON GOOD AUTHORITY IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT THERE IS NO TRUTH IN THE REPORT (NOT BY REUTER) THAT A FRENCH WARSHIP HAS SURRENDERED IN GIBRALTAR.

It is known that a French ship repatriating Frenchmen from Britain to Marseilles may call at Gibraltar but it is added that this vessel is not a warship and could scarcely have given rise to the erroneous report.—Reuter.

Greeks Moving Cautiously

IN THE GREEK operations around Koritza, an Italian battalion was captured, together with much material, said a message from Athens yesterday evening.

Although all Greece yesterday celebrated the entry of Greek forces into Koritza, the Greek High Command will undoubtedly not allow this glowing success to interfere with the cautious plan of campaign which has been drawn up.

All advances, said a military spokesman yesterday, will be made in accordance with the determined plan, and the Greek forces will not be allowed to be drawn out in certain sectors by the fleeing enemy.

The taking of towns and positions to create a good impression and for the sake of "good news" is of secondary importance.

Commenting on reports that the Greeks are continuing their advance towards Argyrokastró and the port of Santi Quaranti, London circles say that if the Greeks do reach these two Albanian towns, the greater part of an Italian division might be cut off.

The Greek Minister of National Security said yesterday that in their retreats in this sector, the Italians are burning villages behind them. They have shot a number of leading citizens in various towns and have taken many others with them as hostages.

Greeks Jubilant

As is to be expected, the Greek press is naturally jubilant about the success of Greek arms.

For instance, "Nea Hellas" comments:—

"The Greek Army has given a smashing reply to Il Duce and his men, whose hearts are as black as their shirts."

"The Anglo-Greek troops will fight until Italy is crushed," is the comment of another paper.

Nor is the Turkish press slow in making its comment.

The leading paper "Ulus" comments:—

"The Italians are now realising the perils of the long war to which they are condemned."

"Mussolini's admission that from two to 12 months may be required to defeat Greece will encourage not only the Greeks but others living within the space of the Roman Empire and who will feel that certain dangers which menace them are less serious than they believed."

Ivan Cleared

Latest reports received from the front last night announce that the 6,000 feet mountain peak Ivan has now been cleared of all opposition.

This, together with the mopping up of the entire Koritza plateau, has given the Greeks command of the whole south-east corner of Albania and so has closed the door on any Italian offensive aiming at Salonika.

The Greek line now runs across Albanian soil to a minimum depth of five miles.

The whole of Greece last night was celebrating the fact that no single Italian soldier except prisoners remains on Greek territory.

Huge Crowds

In Athens, led by a procession of the Greek Youth Movement and bands playing Greek victory marches, huge crowds shouting "To the sea, to the Dodecanese," surged to military headquarters to demonstrate before the country's leaders.

A special element in the victory found expression in a message from the Commander-in-Chief, General Papagos, who at the conclusion of his address to the troops, said:—

"God be with you. Our wounded Virgin of Tinos is helping us. Do not forget it is better to live our short lives free than to spend 40 years in prison and slavery. Forward, always forward! Continue your struggle and throw the terror-stricken enemy into the sea."

Parthenon Floodlit

Last night, by a special concession, arrangements were made for the symbolic Parthenon on the Acropolis to be floodlit for half an hour while behind darkened shutters the people of Athens continued their rejoicings.

"Koritza is the victory of a people fighting for its existence," declared the Athens radio announcer.

He added: "We Greeks are determined to carry the war to a successful conclusion but to do so we need still more and more planes."

A new war communique was given by the announcer who said: "The Greek attack is proceeding with the same success on the western sector, and heavy gunk and vast quantities of Italian war material are hourly falling into our hands."

"The Italian ultimatum to Greece has now become a nightmare to the Italian people who are the victims and scapegoats of Fascism." — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent in Greece).

The Italians last night were reported to be in headlong retreat northwards from Koritza and were being pursued by their own tanks manned by Greek crews.

The tanks were part of an armoured column rushed up from Pogradetz, on the shores of Lake Ochrid, to support the Italian divisions beleaguered in Koritza.

The column suddenly ran into Greek artillery fire covering the road and it was broken up and many tanks captured.

These were immediately seized by the Greek artillery men who although ignorant of tank warfare soon mastered their technique well enough to employ them against their former owners.

The Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North is to act as Colonial Secretary as from to-day, and Mr. E.C.K. Hawkins is to take charge at the S.C.A.

Gunner Warner Wallace, 22, of 24th Battery, Royal Artillery, was sentenced at Central Magistracy this morning to one month's imprisonment for breaking into High House, the residence of Mr. A. H. Potts, at Mount Davis Road.

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